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BRIDGEND COLLEGE FACES £1.3m FUNDING 'BLACK HOLE'

Shock cutbacks could wipe out adult education in the borough

GEM EXCLUSIVE by JAYNE ISAAC

ADULT education classes throughout Bridgend county borough are under threat – because of a funding crisis.

A report to Bridgend councillors this week reveals that Bridgend College is likely to pull the plug on the funding it provides to the council to run these courses because it faces a £1.3m black hole in its finances this year.

The college has already scrapped its full time A-level provision and axed 16 lecturing posts.

It provides 60 per cent of the funding for the Adult Community Learning (ACL) courses, and withdrawing it could see 60 per cent of the classes planned to start next September scrapped – including all qualification-based computer courses.

More than 1,500 local people would lose the chance to attend these courses, and people aged 60 and over could lose up to 90 per cent of the places previously provided for them.

The shock report was written by Mark Shephard, who is head of healthy living in the well-being directorate at Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC).

A top-level meeting of the cabinet and executive officers of BCBC took place on Tuesday to discuss the position, and this followed a meeting of the governors of Bridgend College, which agreed to carry on funding two courses aimed at helping people back into work – but only for a year.

And this provision is likely to be at the expense of the leisure courses which have been run until now,

It is unknown if this offer will be accepted, as the council has to examine all the implications.

Although the service in Bridgend has prioritised running courses for people who need help in basic skills, it has also provided a "significant" number of courses classed as leisure learning.

These courses have an impact on the overall well being of participants and have a large percentage take up, in particular from older people in the county borough.

Classes in this category include yoga, flower arranging, musical instrument tuition, cookery, crafts, art, languages, computers, woodwork, creative writing and sewing.

Almost 2,000 people enrolled on the courses which started last September, and the vast majority were aged 40 and over, while 900 were over 60.

Mr Shephard said that the council gets £252,000 funding from its franchise arrangement with Bridgend College, and this brings in a further £40,000 in fees from participants – making the arrangement worth £292,000 to the council each year.

The report says: "This franchise funding is currently at risk as the college has been forced to review its level of support for adult community learning because of significant cut backs in the overall budget."

Talks have been underway to try and safeguard as much of the provision planned for 2009/10 as possible.

Bridgend College is also insisting that the council increases the fees at its classes to £2 an hour from the £1.50p it currently charges. This would bring it in line with the college.

This is under review but if agreed, fees would increase by 38 per cent for 2009-10. No assessment has been done of how many students would be lost if this happened.

Bridgend College is also requesting that the council withdraw all concessions for the over-60s – as the college already does. The council's position is being reviewed.

Mr Shephard said that the loss of computer courses would come on top of the decision by the University of Glamorgan to shut its Llynfi Valley Project last December.

In all, the number of computer courses available to adults in the borough would be reduced by more than 95 per cent as a result.

Access to all types of courses for those over 60 years of age would be reduced by more than 90 per cent, as the remaining resources at the council would have to be redirected into providing courses for people of working age seeking to improve their skills.

Mr Shephard warned that such a reduction in adult learning would have implications on the mental and physical health and well being of local people.

He added that jobs would be at risk including those of tutors.

The college has made an offer to provide £100,000 of funding for two special projects aimed at increasing the skills of the unemployed and those already in jobs – but for just one year.

However, the core adult community learning provision would not be able to continue as before, and there would be a drop in funding of £95,000.

Bridgend College has refused to comment on the possible withdrawal of funding for adult classes.

A spokesman said they had no statement to release to the media at the moment, and they may or may not decide to make one in the future – but there was no commitment on their part to do so.

A BCBC spokesman said that they were working closely with Bridgend College on this issue. There will be a report to cabinet with an update shortly.

Cosy Corner offer!

TOURISM and leisure operators are being offered the chance to lease part of Porthcawl seafront for the summer season.

Bridgend County Borough Council has invited bids from operators interested in leasing Cosy Corner, which is a one-acre plot that includes an outdoor seating area.

It is adjacent to Jennings Building, the Old Custom House, the Lookout Tower, the breakwater and the lighthouse. It is within the Porthcawl Conservation area.

As part of the council's plans to regenerate Porthcawl, a suitable high quality operator is being invited to come up with proposals for what remains of the summer season.

It will be available to lease for 28 days, not necessarily consecutive, excluding the August bank holiday period.

Council deputy leader David Sage said that this was a fantastic opportunity and he was looking forward to seeing what ideas are put forward.

Bidders have until Monday, July 13 to put in their proposals.

An information pack is available at www.bridgend.gov.uk or by calling 01656 815204.

Police hunt bogus callers who robbed elderly man

POLICE in Bridgend are investigating a distraction burglary at around 2.30pm on Saturday, June 27 in Sarn, when an 82-year-old resident had £150 in cash stolen from his house by a man purporting to be from the water authority.

He was allowed to enter the house after being told that checks were being made to water supplies in the area and the suspect wanted to check the stopcock and taps.

However, after a short while the victim became suspicious and asked the man to leave.

It was not until the following day that he realised he was the victim of a distraction burglary.

Police believe three men were involved in the incident, with Midlands accents. Two were seen to leave the house and a third was waiting in a nearby parked car. This was described as a new model, dark grey '3' series BMW with the rear side windows darkened.

One suspect was described as between 34 and 38 years old, of a large build, about 5ft 10ins tall with thick black, wavy hair. He had blue eyes and was wearing a blue and white horizontally striped jumper, light blue jeans and white trainers.

The second suspect was described as between 26 and 30 years old of slim build, and about 5ft 3ins tall. He had short, straight light brown hair with ginger streaks.

He had freckles on his nose and below his eyes. He was wearing a thick black suede waist length jacket with a white collared shirt and grey woollen type trousers and black shoes.

The third man, sitting in the passenger seat of the BMW, was white, aged 18 to 20 years old of slim build.

He had thick blond hair which was long in the front and spiked. He had a pale complexion and was wearing a white vest top.

Detective Constable Andy Williamson of Bridgend CID, said: "This is an appalling crime against an elderly person, who had entrusted the man to enter his home.

"I would appeal to anyone who saw men fitting these descriptions in the area at this time to come forward with information."

Anyone with information should contact police on 01656 679518 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Have you seen these two men?

LEFT and RIGHT: Images released by Bridgend police of two of the wanted suspects.

'Bridgend a dead town after 5pm because of these drunken yobs' – *claim*

POLICE are being urged to implement the powers they have to prevent people from drinking on the streets of Bridgend.

Bridgend County Borough Council has created a designated public places order covering all of the town centre, which gives police the power to confiscate alcohol from anyone creating a nuisance on the streets.

Traders in the town, including restaurateurs, say that unruly yobs are ruining their businesses and driving away respectable families and patrons.

Franco Scuto, of the Poco Poco restaurant in Wyndham Street, said that he had complained repeatedly to police about the bad language of these youngsters and the way they abuse people, but nothing is being done.

Mr Scuto, who also runs Zia Nina in Dunraven Place, said that gangs of drinkers gather opposite his restaurant, often from as early as 10am. "They fetch their giros and then they buys cans of lager and they hang around drinking. They have their tops off and they abuse my customers. I have no lunch-time trade at all in Zia Nina."

Vicky Perks, president of the chamber of trade, said that the issue of problems with abusive and drunken behaviour on the streets of the town centre had been raised repeatedly with police at every chamber meeting.

The meeting heard that a pilot scheme to licence outdoor seating areas at cafes and pubs was being brought in for Bridgend and solicitor Rachel Hillier said that it was essential that the licensing authority made sure that no nuisance was being caused by people seated at those tables.

Ms Perks said that police were patrolling the town every day as they pass her shop. "We have community officers in the town centre and we can ring them if there are problems."

Mr Scuto felt that action was needed. "The police and the council are not doing anything for us. I have seen young girls swearing at police officers and they do nothing. The language they used was disgusting, but the police did not act."

Felicity Ladbroke said that this was not acceptable.

Mr Scuto called for zero tolerance of this behaviour in the town.

"Bridgend is a dead town after 5pm. It is a ghost town. People are too terrified to come in to the restaurants because of the yobs," he pointed out.

Further approaches will be made by traders to police to enforce the new alcohol restrictions to try and improve public behaviour.

Local charity's summer plans

KPC YOUTH, the Pyle-based charity, has announced a range of young people's activities for the summer.

See next week's GEM for details of things to do, both in the area, and on trips away.

For more information, call in at the centre, or telephone 01656 745399/749219.

THE DEBT WE OWE BRAVE MEN AND WOMEN WHO DEFEND OUR FREEDOM

WESTMINSTER NOTEBOOK

Bridgend MP MADELEINE MOON writes an exclusive monthly report from Westminster for The GEM.

DURING 'the troubles' in Northern Ireland, Britain's armed forces all but disappeared from public view.

To prevent attacks on serving personnel, they withdrew behind the wire defences of military bases. Uniforms stopped being worn in public, except for parades and families did not speak of their military connections.

After the fall of the Berlin Wall, and the end of the Cold War, the need for strong, well-trained and equipped armed forces in Britain seemed diminished.

The days of nation on nation war seemed gone and cuts were made to defence budgets, estates, personnel, planning and equipment. Seduced by increased affluence, we failed to see new threats growing.

Armed Forces Day celebrations were held here in Bridgend recently with veterans, cadet forces, serving military and their families taking part.

Our armed forces are out from behind the wire and visible again. There is again pride in our military personnel, families and communities for the work they do on our behalf and a growing awareness of the threats we face.

As a member of the Defence Select Committee, I help scrutinise the work of the Ministry of Defence, so need a knowledge and understanding of the military.

The Armed Forces parliamentary scheme helps build that understanding and knowledge – in my case, by giving access to the work, training, skills and people in the RAF.

Recently, I undertook a five-day tour of front line squadrons. On the fifth day, we left RAF Lyneham, to undertake manoeuvres around Salisbury Plain in a Chinook helicopter before heading for RAF Odiham.

The Chinook is the warhorse of the modern military; its twin engines and long body give it tremendous lifting and carrying capacity for both men and equipment.

It is essential for supplying forward bases in conflict zones with food, water, equipment and communications from home.

Flying in and out of forward bases is dangerous work; often carried out under attack from small arms, rockets and missiles. The training on Salisbury Plain prepares the four-man crew for operations in hostile settings.

Connected to the ceiling of the helicopter by a long lead, I hung onto the open side door of the machine as it was flown in constantly changing directions to make it a difficult target to hit.

Sometimes flying sideways or feet above the grass, then skywards, quick descents and landings were followed by rapid ascents.

Down below on the plains were tanks, soldiers and armoured vehicles undertaking exercises. The helicopter descended near an armed group to pick up a trailer full of equipment.

From the hatch midway down the machine, a crew man lowered a hook to pick up a net-enclosed trailer filled with equipment and flew it to a second unit for use.

Descending into small openings in copses of trees and landing in small marked spaces on the ground ready to off load or load men and equipment was hair-raising.

The crew were skilled professionals, with a bond of trust in each other and a clear pride in their work.

RAF Odiham is the home of three Chinook squadrons. They have taken part in actions in the former Yugoslavia, Bosnia, Croatia, Kosovo, Sierra Leone, Iraq and Afghanistan.

In one room alone, a display showed 40 of the personnel of the Chinook squadrons who had received awards for bravery over the past eight years.

The Chinooks are called to carry out a variety of duties, as well as serving in battle zones. They are present in the Falkland Islands; on standby to assist in a national emergency and to provide support and assistance in peace keeping and UN humanitarian operations.

I watched an RAF medivac unit of anaesthetists and paramedics practise jumping from the Chinooks and retrieving casualties to take back to base hospitals.

Speedy evacuations can save lives and in Afghanistan, the Chinooks are on standby 24/7 to help UK, coalition and civilians injured in the battlefield. Missions like this take place all over the world in all sorts of weather and terrain so practice is imperative.

Talking to engineers, pilots, military police, logistics officers, movement and loading personnel, medical staff, padres and personnel officers about their work and life in the military has been inspirational.

All have been proud of the work they do. All trained hard to improve their performance.

All took individual ownership of responsibility for performance and success of their unit. This mutually supportive ethos is highly effective and forms the strong bond between those who are serving or have served in the military.

During the armed forces celebrations in Bridgend, one man was honoured for his service by his comrades in the British Legion.

Captured in the Far East, he had been forced to help build the evil Burma railway before being taken to Japan as a forced labourer. Unlike so many he survived, and is now in his 90s; a brave man who faced unimaginable cruelty on our behalf.

On June 6, we also remembered those who on D Day took the fight for freedom back onto mainland Europe, many having trained for the landing in the dunes and fields around Porthcawl.

Together, they ensured we have the freedom to live within a rule of law guaranteeing individual rights and equalities – no matter what sex, religion, colour, sexual orientation or ability.

Today's armed forces continue that fight and we civilians owe them gratitude, support and recognition

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Bridgend AM's local surgery

CARWYN JONES, the Assembly Member for Bridgend, will hold a surgery at 9.30am-11.30am, on Saturday, July 18, in his Bridgend constituency office, Emlyn House, 36 Caroline Street, Bridgend, CF31 1D.

Saturday morning surgery operates with an appointments system.

Home visits can be arranged by contacting the constituency office; telephone 01656 664320; or email Carwyn.jones@wales.gov.uk.

Tondu art

TONDU and District Art Society is holding an art exhibition and sale of paintings, in the Lesser Town Hall, Cowbridge, on July 10-11 at 9am-5.30pm. Entrance free, all welcome.

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL JULY 16)

The high tides listed in The GEM are those in Barry. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Porthcawl, the high point will be 15– 20 minutes earlier.

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WALES' SENYDD JUST A PIECE OF REAL ESTATE?

I DO not wish to appear to hog the Letters page and particularly not to appear to be attacking Carwyn Jones, who I am sure is a nice man, but he does leave himself open to criticism when he airs his views, this time about the Assembly (about which he should know quite a great deal), and the House of Lords (of which he seems to be less well-informed).

The gist of his argument is that "the power of those unelected Lords" should be curtailed and given to the Assembly.

While the House of Lords was at one time occupied by non-elected hereditary peers, together with bishops etc, only 92 of those unelected peers now sit there.

Since the 1999 House of Lords Act, the rest of 'the Lords' are formed from a non-elected, non-democratic group appointed by patronage, mainly of the existent government. Laws are being planned to strip life peers of their peerage in certain circumstances. All we have to do is be patient.

As for Mr Jones' comments about the Assembly, I wouldn't be too sure that if a referendum were to be held in Wales tomorrow, as to the need or desirability of the continuation of the Assembly, that a sizeable proportion of the electorate would reject its presence.

Certainly, a large majority would not wish any further powers to be given to it.

The word Senydd is being mis-used at the moment; it's still just an Assembly on a valuable piece of real estate.

John Dowse, Bridgend

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Local boys praised for improving their reading

TWO local boys have been recognised for improving their reading and writing at a celebration ceremony in Cardiff, with sports and media stars at the Wales Millennium Stadium.

William Watkins from Trelalas Primary School and Jaimz Humphries from Afon Y Felin Primary, were two of 40 Welsh boys praised for their hard work in improving their literacy skills.

The celebration was part of the 'Read a Million Words Together in Wales' campaign, designed by Basic Skills Cymru, part of the Welsh Assembly Government to raise literacy levels among boys aged 9-14.

The sports and media personalities met with the boys and helped fire their imagination about reading with the hope of closing the gap between them and their female classmates.

Prize winners William Watkins and Jaimz Humphries with musician Stuart Cable.

The celebrity guests joined the pupils and their teachers for a special day, entitled 'Reading Better'. Stars, including rugby internationals Ryan Jones and Tom Shanklin, Cardiff City favourite Joe Ledley, and top musician Stuart Cable, presented certificates to the boys attending.

Evidence indicates that during the years 9 – 14 boys typically fall behind girls in literacy, and in many cases never catch up.

William Watkins, who was nominated for special recognition by his school, said: "My reading had improved a lot and I enjoy reading, especially magazines".

THE NEW MAN AT THE TOP...

Chains of office change hands at Bridgend Lions

EVERY July there's an annual change of the top brass of Bridgend Lions and the community service club met recently to celebrate, with a formal ceremony, the handover of the chains of office to its new president and vice president.

The new man at the top, and a member for just two years, is president Godfrey (Goff) Morris of Bridgend, but he's no stranger to Lions Clubs having already served as president of Maesteg Lions Club some years ago.

After inducting Phil Davies of Southerndown, a member for four years, as his vice president, Goff said in his inaugural speech that he is honoured to lead and advance a club which has such a proud history and excellent record of service in the borough's voluntary sector.

President Goff on the left with vice-president Phil at the recent handover ceremony.

PRESIDENT BOBBY TAKES OVER THE ROTARY REINS

AT a recent meeting of the Rotary Club of Porthcawl, the outgoing president, Jean Schofield, handed over the reins to Bobby Lewis in a ceremony at the Atlantic Hotel.

The photograph shows Bobby and his wife Mary receiving a celebratory bouquet of flowers.

This is the third time that Porthcawl Rotary Club has called on Bobby to be president and it is the third time that he has said 'Yes'.

The new president has stated that his projects for the coming year will include increasing membership, raising money for local and Rotary charities, and continuing to enjoy membership of Rotary through fun, friendship and fellowship. TR

Potter who wanted to bring colour to our lives

MERTHYR MAWR WI NEWS

PRESIDENT Margaret Batten welcomed everyone to the July meeting and reported that June had been an active month.

The annual walk took place on June 11, when members enjoyed a walk to St Brides, followed by lunch at a local hostelry.

Five members attended the federation quiz at Coychurch village hall, which was very well attended and we all had our general knowledge well tested.

Although the branch did not win we put up a very creditable performance. Many thanks to the federation for organising the evening.

June 17 saw the annual outing. This year, to Bath, as it has so much to offer. We all enjoyed the day in various ways, from a journey on one of the open topped tourist buses, to retail therapy and very good lunch.

Margaret then welcomed the speaker Margery Page and thanked her for stepping in at short notice. Mrs Page gave a very interesting talk about Clarice Cliff. She explained how Clarice, born into an ordinary family, entered the pottery factory at the age of 13.

She showed a great interest in pottery and following time at art college she began to model clay. She displayed a great talent for design and made a real career in the male dominated industry at a time when this was unusual for women.

She wanted to bring colour into the lives of women, which she did through her colourful and sometimes bizarre pottery.

The talk stimulated some discussion and one member revealed she had discovered a piece of 'Clarice' that had been in her garage for a long time before she realised its worth! Diana Chinn gave the vote of thanks.

Members were told about the link outing on September 4 to Penderyn Distillery. The next meeting will be on August 5, and will hold the summer dinner. **FC**

Cooking up the past and a promenade tea

NOTTAGE WI NEWS

THE July meeting of Nottage WI was held on July 2, at the Unitarian Church Hall Nottage, when the speaker Mr Steve Jarvis, gave a talk entitled 'Cooking Up The Past : Old Utensils'.

This included slides and a selection of old kitchen utensils which were familiar to many of the members.

The summer tea on June 10 at Newton WI was enjoyed. On June 16, members enjoyed a coach trip to Mumbles – the weather couldn't have been better for cream teas on the promenade.

To complete the outing we had a meal at the Priory before returning home. It is hoped to have another outing in September.

Five members attended the cream tea on June 26, at North Cornelly Community Centre, provided by Kenfig WI, where a tennis theme was enjoyed by all. The next meeting will be held on September 3, at the Unitarian Church Hall Nottage. New members welcome. **AV**

Geoff is Porthcawl Lions' main man!

PORTHCAWL Lions and partners gathered for their annual handover night at The Grove Golf Club, when retiring president, David Richards, thanked everyone for their support and hard work during the last year.

He then officially handed over the charter and regalia to incoming president Geoff Thomas.

After presenting David with a tankard and David's wife Janise with an attractive flower arrangement, Geoff thanked them for all their hard work and commitment during the year. He went on to outline his hopes for the club for the next 12 months.

The evening was a great success, with everyone in excellent mood, despite the thunder and lightening that roamed round the building throughout the evening.

John Cosson (Porthcawl Lions)

ABOVE: New president, Geoff Thomas, (holding the lion) and retiring president David Richards.

CCTV vital for policing but needs more cash – council told

A FULL review of the way in which the CCTV camera system operates in Bridgend is to be carried out.

The Corporate Resources and Improvement Scrutiny Committee has set up a research and evaluation panel following a presentation members received on the service.

David Sutherland, head of ICT and Customer Contact at the council, said that a business plan was being prepared with a view to increasing the potential of the service and for it to become revenue-raising. At the moment, all the cost is borne by the county borough.

He said that the view of councillors is now being sought about the future direction of the service. Workshops have already been held with police.

Coun Huw David, cabinet member for resources, said that CCTV was vital to policing and provided crucial evidence in court and by supporting police operations. It was also a key part of regeneration, but he said that investment was needed to improve the service.

The panel will consult with partner organisations about the service and look at funding arrangements. It will also see if it could be operated commercially to bring in revenue.

An analysis of the service has identified a number of strengths and weakness: Strengths include the fact that it works well with police, is involved with town centre traffic management and has links to the Store-Net and Night Net radio links. Staff are said to be extensively trained, knowledgeable and accredited.

However, weaknesses include the fact that the current control room has limitations and that some of the monitors are failing. The digital tape recording system is obsolete and there are difficulties searching the system for specific images.

Also, the cameras do not move automatically and there has been no review of the camera positions adopted when the system was first installed.

There are opportunities to improve provision and make it more effective – but threats to the service include changes in public perception of CCTV and a growth in political activism against cameras on the grounds of civil liberties.

The recession was also a factor and there was a lack of centralised funding.

Can you save a village?

A NEW TV programme 'Village SOS' is asking local people in Bridgend county borough to put forward business ideas that could save their village communities.

Village SOS is a joint scheme between the Big Lottery Fund and BBC Wales, and will be broadcast in winter 2010.

The programme wants to respond to economic pressures threatening rural life across the UK by finding people who live in villages of less than 3,000 inhabitants, who have an idea for a new village business.

Six successful ideas will be chosen to receive lottery funding of up to £400,000, and assistance from a 'village champion''who will move in for a year and help turn the business ideas into a reality. BBC Wales will follow the stories of the six new rural enterprises from start up to trading.

Local people, community groups or organisations who want to submit an idea to the show can also receive help with compiling an application by contacting Bridgend county borough's newly-formed rural partnership, Reach.

To find out more, contact Reach on (01656) 815080.

Kids get outward-bound!

THOUSANDS of young children will soon be climbing trees, building dens and cooking up camp-fire food across Wales.

It's all thanks to a new training programme which is giving teachers the confidence to let them learn new life skills in safety.

The ground-breaking sessions run by Forestry Commission Wales and Bridgend Foundation Phase team have already provided almost 120 teachers in the last month with the ability to deliver life-changing education programmes.

"Children are increasingly more 'bubble-wrapped' in modern day society," said Karen Clarke of Forestry Commission, which is behind the programme. "Our new training course gives teachers the tools to safely change that."

Ladies day presentation of £5,000 cheque to Macmillan

LOCAL ladies Claire Davies and Val Weaver recently presented a cheque for £5,000 to Macmillan Cancer Support at a ladies day held at Ewenny Cricket Club.

Claire and Val have completed several challenges for Macmillan, including among others The Great Wall of China, a cycle ride from London to Paris, and have taken the Inca trail to Machu Picchu.

Liz Cole, area fundraising manager for Macmillan, said: "Claire and Val have raised more than £90,000 in total for Macmillan over the last few years.

ABOVE: The cheque is handed over.

"They have pushed themselves to the limit for us, and we are immensely grateful to them both for their generosity, courage and determination. There are 115,000 people currently living with cancer in Wales.

"At present, we are only able to help one in two of these people, but our ambition is to help everyone living with cancer.

"Macmillan Cancer Support are with people from the point of diagnosis throughout their cancer journey, offering them practical, medical, emotional and financial support.

"With Val and Claire's fantastic fundraising efforts, we will be able to help more local people living with cancer and their families."

Identical twins are cleared of punching a partygoer

IDENTICAL Bridgend twins were both cleared in court of punching a partygoer – after he couldn't tell the difference between the two.

Gavin and Rhys Higgins (21), walked free after a Cardiff jury took less than a hour to acquit the twins of a rugby club punch-up.

Reveller Darryl Churchill (40), was left in double trouble, after claiming he was punched by one of the burly brothers.

He told the jury: "It was one of the twins – I don't know which one."

The father-of-one admitted he couldn't tell the brothers apart because they look so alike.

The Higgins twins are identical – and had matching cropped haircuts in the dock of Cardiff Crown Court.

Both were jubilant after being found not guilty of one charge each of assault causing actual bodily harm at a birthday party in their local rugby club.

Judge Mr P Davies told the happy pair: "You are free to go, boys," and friends cheered as the identical pair left the court building to start celebrating – with doubles all round."

After the verdict, Gavin said: "Me and my brother always seem to get dragged into trouble because we look alike. People are always mixing us up. We are just glad that the truth came out – but we are both innocent – not just one of us.

Rhys said: "We were both innocent from day one. Neither of us attacked him that night – it is a massive relief.

"We can now just get on with the rest of our lives. Me and my brother will be celebrating tonight.'

Mr Churchill told how one of the twins set upon him at a family party in a dispute over a pool match he had refereed where one of the brothers was playing.

The court heard he was "punched and kicked" and needed an operation to straighten a kink in his nose.

But he admitted he couldn't tell which brother it was, because the pair look so alike.

The twins, of Blaengarw, near Bridgend, both denied one charge of assault causing actual bodily harm.

Young designers are on show at Silures Gallery

THE work of Porthcawl Comprehensive School's young designers is on show all this month at the Silures Gallery.

"We are holding an inspiring, colourful, high quality exhibition of GCSE, AS and A2 pupils work. The display will include items of fashion, textiles, design and fine art. The pupils have worked really hard to produce the work this year as part of their exam coursework," said spokeswoman Helen Wardman.

The exhibition is at the Silures Gallery, 40 South Rd, Porthcawl, between 11am-4pm every weekend throughout July.

RIGHT: An example of the work on show.

Who wants to build what and where?

Mr D Murphy – **Old Cottage Bistro, 2A Queen Street, Bridgend** – two hanging signs.
Mr G Lister – **15 Candleston Newydd, Broadlands, Bridgend** – garage conversion.
Penybont Primary School – **Penybont Primary School, Minerva Street, Bridgend** – 6kw turbine consisting of 15m tower and blades of 5.5m diameter – total height of blade tip 17.75m.
Mr and Mrs DH Weeks – **26 Parc Derllwyn, Tondu, Bridgend** – land to be incorporated into residential boundary.
Mr P Bethal – **17 Cherry Tree Avenue, Porthcawl** – side and rear extension.
Mrs A De Graaf – **44 Esplanade Avenue, Porthcawl** – uPVC conservatory to rear.
Nolan Recycling Ltd – **Waste Transfer Station, The Old quarry, Stormy Down, Bridgend** – replacement workshops and staff offices to serve waste transfer facility.
Mrs C Evans – **25 Park Street, Maesteg** – two storey flat roof extension to rear of property.
Mr A Penny – **land adjacent 103B Mill View, Maesteg** – construction of a four-bedroom detached dwelling.
MGPA – **Unit 3, Pencoed Technology Park, Pencoed** – install two new dock levellers and new windows to the ground floor corridor to the east elevation of unit 3.
Mr M Holloway – **39 Neath Road, Maesteg** – single storey extension to rear.
Taylor Wimpey South Wales – **Areas R10 and R11 Parc Derwen off Heol Spencer, Coity, Bridgend** – erect 93 residential dwellings and associated roads, sewers, landscaping, garages and parking.
Mr R Gallagher – **23 Queen's Avenue, Porthcawl** – single storey extension to rear.
Mr A Williams – **12 Cwrt y Fedwen, Maesteg** – conversion of integral garage to study.
Mrs Jones – **81 The Woodlands, Brackla, Bridgend** – front entrance porch and two Velux windows.
Knott-Avonwide Limited – **Knott-Avonride Ltd, Spelter Site, Heol Tywith, Maesteg** – proposed extension to accommodate storage of both production materials and finished product.
Sustainable Construction Ltd – **land adjacent 95 Cwrt Coed Parc, Maesteg** – outline application for one detached dwelling (resub following refusal of two dwellings).
Mr K Trow – **34 Ysbryd Y Coed, Penyfai, Bridgend** – construct new attached garage and convert ext integral garage into habitable room.
J & J Motors – **A48 Laleston Bypass, Laleston, Bridgend** – proposed extension to existing car showroom.
Compute (Bridgend) Ltd – **37 Caroline Street, Bridgend** – change of use to Class A3.
Compute (Bridgend) Ltd – **37 Caroline Street, Bridgend** – proposed demolition of building and rebuild café.

YOUR CHANCE TO SHARE THE COMMUNITY NEWS

NORTH BRIDGEND NEWS

A message for all readers in the north of Bridgend who would like to have items included in the community news columns of The GEM:

If you wish to submit reports on any social activity in this region, please contact me.

I am very approachable and will endeavour to include every newsworthy subject.

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Top marks!

THE headteacher of Tynyrheol Primary School, Llangeinor has given me the names of the pupils who have improved their reading skills the most through hard work.

Every term, a book is donated by friends of the school to these pupils.

Congratulations go to Millie Loosmore, class1, awarded *The Treasury of Bedtime Stories*; Ioan Davies, class 2, awarded *The Big Book of Knowledge* and Lauren Pearson, class 3, awarded the *Usborne Internet-Linked Children's Encyclopedia*.

It is hoped that the relatives of year-6 pupils will attend the meeting arranged on Tuesday, July 14, at 2.30pm in the school hall.

The year-6 themed leavers' function titled 'Cowboys and Indians' will be held in Ynysawdre school hall on July 15.

Congratulations to Tyanna Riddiford and Morgan Chard, both of whom were selected to play in the basketball team representing 'Bridgend North' district schools last Sunday, July 6, in the Bridgend Classic basketball tournament at the Bridgend Recreation Centre.

Ogmore choir

Ogmore Valley Ladies Choir and Society is helping to organise a tea party for their nominated charity of the year, the local rapid response team controlled from Bryncethin ambulance centre.

The team are trained in first aid and provide preliminary treatment until paramedics arrive on the scene.

The tea party is being held on July 15 at Factory House, Blackmill, at 12noon.

They will have on sale home made cakes, refreshments, hand made crafts, bric-a-brac and raffle tickets. Everyone is welcome and entry is free.

The choir has been in existence since 1965, and rehearses at Ogmore Vale Welfare Hall, between High and Commercial Street on Mondays between 6.30pm-8.30pm.

All visitors are warmly welcomed to these practice sessions.

Telephone Meriel on 01656 840144.

MP's meeting

MP Huw Irranca-Davies is calling a public meeting at Sarn Community Centre for constituents on Friday, July 10, between 5.45pm-8.45pm.

Children's choir

Maesteg Children's Choir is holding its annual concert entitled 'Fun, Fame and Fortune' at Maesteg Town Hall on Friday, July 10 at 7pm.

Charity concert

Brackla Community Chorus is holding a summer concert at Brackla Community Centre on July 10 at 7.15pm, with guests the Tremains Junior School Choir.

Everyone is welcome and tickets will be available at the door.

At Tabernacle Chapel, Derwen Road, Bridgend, there will be a concert of varied brass band music commemorating the life of Alan Johns, conducted by Mr Colin Hogg, on Saturday, July 11, at 7pm. All money raised will be donated to Velindre Cancer Centre.

Community champion

I HAVE received a letter from Mr S Williams of Pen-y-Fai who has written about a resident he feels deserves a special mention – Mr David Thomas MBE.

David was a registered nurse (both psychiatric and general) for more than 40 years in the National Health Service. He was elected chairman of the Royal College of Nursing in Wales, and was Chief Nursing Officer in both South Gwent and Pembrokeshire Health Service Trusts. He has also been chairman of the Bridgend Community Health Council.

A community councillor in Newcastle Higher, which covers Aberkenfig and Pen-y-Fai, he is a school governor of the local school and is a member of the parochial church council for All Saints church.

When he retired, he formed a committee to represent Neighbourhood Watch, which he believed would help local residents live without fear of criminal behaviour.

He endeavoured to have on the committee residents who would be responsible for the street in which they lived. The committee first met in 1992 and worked diligently with David as chairman, meeting every six weeks with set agendas so that all members could make a verbal contribution.

The committee were regional winners of the neighbourhood scheme in 1993. In 1999, they received a 'Certificate of Commendation', presented by Chief Constable Burden, with further commendations in 2001 and 2003. These plaques are displayed in the Pheasant Inn.

The Neighbourhood Watch Scheme has been superseded by PACT. David chaired the last meeting on May 19.

The retiring members of the scheme are David Thomas (chair), David Oates (treasurer), Bill Hopkins (clerk), Penny Lloyd, Siniol Williams, Chris Howells, Iorwerth Morgan, Norman Viant, Robert Davies, John Mabbett, Robert Wilkins, Alan Carvell, Alwyn David, Ron Cody and Leam James.

Two founder members, both now sadly deceased, were Elfyn George and Ken Picton.

Retired persons

St Brides Minor Retired Persons Club meets at Bryncethin Memorial Hall every other Wednesday between 2pm-3.30pm, and on Wednesday, July 15, the members will be going on a coach trip to Hereford.

The club welcomes visitors and new members. For more information, phone Emlyn on 01656 667994.

Aberkenfig Retired Persons Club recently went on their annual day trip to Weston Super Mare, with 47 members and friends.

Charity tea

THERE will be a tea party at St Bride's Church, Llansantffraid on Saturday, July 11, at 2.30pm for Marie Curie Cancer Care.

Tickets are £5 and all profits go to the charity.

Church service

There will be an end of year service by Aberkenfig and District United Churches at St Robert's Roman Catholic Church on Monday, July 13 at 7pm, which will be followed by the annual general meeting.

Computers stolen from town library

BRIDGEND police are investigating the theft of three lap top computers and power supply cables from offices in Bridgend library, between 4.30pm on Friday, July3, and 8.30am on Monday, July 6.

They want to hear from anyone who may have been offered a lap top computer which they may be suspicious about.

Contact Bridgend CID on 01656 679518 or anonymously via Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Choir opens up rehearsal to overseas visitors

BRIDGEND Male Choir last week welcomed visitors to the area from Australia, Israel and the United States to witness some of Wales' culture by sitting in at weekly choir practice.

"Such visits are made on a regular basis by visitors from all over the world and people are always made welcome," said spokesman David T Burt. "If you have visitors coming from near or far, they are welcome to attend the OCLP Club, Bryntirion, Bridgend, from 8.30pm on Thursdays for the final hour of practice, and then to remain if they wish to chat and have a drink with choristers.

"If they prefer, they can arrange their visit in advance with choir secretary, Gareth Reese on 01656 862037,"

Summer concert

BRACKLA Community chorus presents a summer concert on Friday (July 10) in Brackla Community Centre, at 7.15pm.

Tremains Junior School choir will also be performing at the concert..

Tickets (£3) are available from chorus members, or at the door. Doors open at 6.45pm.

50 years wed... Colin and Myra celebrate with smiles and tears of joy!

JULY 4 marked the golden wedding anniversary of Cefn Cribwr couple Colin and Myra Langdon, who were married in Pen-y-Fai church in 1959.

Colin (72) and Myra (68) have resided in Cefn Cribwr all their married life and celebrated the occasion with family and friends in the concert room at the Mules Rugby Club in Kenfig Hill.

The couple and their guests enjoyed a fabulous occasion and were entertained, among others, by their grandsons, Matthew and Stephan, who both sang beautifully bringing tears to many eyes. Music was provided by a local DJ company and a good evening of foot tapping was enjoyed by all.

Colin, born and bred in Cefn, on leaving school worked for a few years in the old Pontycymmer Co-op shop in Cefn, but spent the greatest part of his working life excavating sand and gravel on Sker beach.

When that closed down, Colin took up employment at the old Quarella Road hospital in Bridgend, before transferring to the Princess of Wales from which he retired in 1998.

In his younger days, Colin was an avid dog and canary lover and breeder. His exploits with his dogs are legendary and no rabbit or hare was safe when Colin was on the prowl!

His canary breeding brought him great renown, due to his success at bird shows, and his expertise and the quality of the birds he bred was also recognised by British Coal.

His birds were in demand by the corporation to fulfil the essential and statutorily required need to ensure mine safety, particularly following mine explosions when the birds would be carried underground by the mine rescue teams.

Myra spent her early years in Wrexham, but moved to Cefn at a young age and is, by now, fully recognised as a true Cefn 'Rider'.

On moving to Cefn, Myra lived just 50 yards from where Colin lived in Heol Castell. Colin would claim that his house, being on top of the hill, ensured that Myra always looked up at him but, it has to be said, that the looks between them were always of mutual admiration.

On leaving school, Myra worked for a period on the Bridgend Trading Estate and also in a grocery shop in Bridgend.

But above all, the job she enjoyed the most and was certainly cut out for was at the children's care home in Cefn. There she 'mothered' and befriended many children and was somewhat distraught when retirement age arrived, although it was with very many happy memories.

The early 'courting days' for Colin and Myra consisted of attending St Colman's Church and the twice weekly youth club held in the village school.

Going to the 'pictures' in Bridgend was seen as a weekly treat and there were also film shows in the 'Hall' in Cefn or down the hill to Kenfig Hill.

Colin and Myra have two daughters, Sharron and Gaynor, who are both happily married – to Nigel and Tony respectively. Four grandchildren Matthew, Rachel, Danielle and Stephan and a soon to be great-grandchild, who are a source of great pride and joy to Colin and Myra.

Colin and Myra are now enjoying their retirement, but with Colin's commitment as a church warden at St Colman's in Cefn and all the gardens he tends for neighbours and friends, and Myra's equally busy workload – retirement is barely the word to describe their present lifestyle.

However, the celebrations of July 4 will remain with them as a constant reminder of the love and esteem in which they are held by family and friends.

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ABOVE: Myra and Colin Langdon – a golden celebration.

ABOVE: The date is July 4, 1959 and the happy couple leave Pen-y-Fai church to start the first day of married life.

Choral concert

THE Porthcawl Choral Society holds its grand summer concert at All Saints Church, Porthcawl, on Saturday, July 18, at 7.30pm.

It features Hadyn's *Little Organ Mass*; *King Arthur Suite* by Sir Arthur Sullivan; and Showtime Medley, plus other popular choral items.

Guests include Wendy Kupinski, David Mayberry, Amelia Jones and hefin Miles (violin). *Tickets (£5) available on the door.*

Photographic Society holds Kenfig reserve exhibition

MEMBERS of the Pyle and Porthcawl Photographic Society (above) are holding an exhibition until July 31, at the Kenfig nature reserve.

The opening times are from 2pm-4.30pm on weekdays and from 10.30am-4.30pm at weekends.

Borough volunteers are urged to help out at overseas schools

Primary school teachers share their stories of 'best ever summer holiday'

VOLUNTARY Service Overseas (VSO) volunteers are urgently calling on their primary school colleagues across Bridgend to follow in their footsteps and spend just 20 minutes of their summer holiday applying to be a volunteer.

The international development charity is looking for primary teachers who can share their skills across the developing world in 2010, spokeswoman Rachel Turner explains.

VSO volunteers work overseas to make a difference to the thousands of children across the developing world whose classroom experience leaves them reluctant to even attend school.

Qualified primary school teachers with at least two years' experience can volunteer their expertise and enthusiasm in countries such as Malawi, Nepal and Nigeria.

By sharing skills with local teachers, VSO volunteers ensure more children experience fun, happy and lively classrooms.

Primary school teachers who apply this summer will be able to be overseas as early as January 2010. With many children in developing countries suffering because of poorly trained teachers, over crowded and under resourced classrooms, VSO volunteers help support hard hit communities by training local teachers.

Working with a cluster of schools and local colleagues, volunteers observe lessons, run workshops, help teachers develop educational materials and focus on helping teachers use child-centred teaching methods to help make the classroom a rewarding experience.

Volunteering with VSO can lead to rewarding and lasting relationships with local colleagues and allow volunteers to see first hand the impact of their placement and time overseas. VSO's education volunteers are committed to supporting 2000's Millennium Development Goal that all children of primary school age should have access to quality education by 2015.

VSO provides volunteers with flights, accommodation, and an allowance to cover basic costs. UK public sector professionals volunteering for between six months and two years are entitled to claim pension contributions providing they return to the public sector for a minimum of six months on their return to the UK.

Police appeal after break-in at Island Farm prison camp

POLICE in Bridgend are investigating criminal damage to the listed building at the former World War Two prisoner of war camp at Island Farm.

Damage has been caused to fencing around the site, and near the tunnels which have been preserved on the camp.

Island Farm was the scene of the biggest escape attempt made by German prisoners of war during World War Two, when 67 high-ranking Nazis tunnelled to freedom from Hut 9 of the prisoner of war camp on March 11, 1945.

Bridgend Neighbourhood Inspector Jay Winslade-Gregory said: "Over a period of weeks there have been a number of incidents of damage to this historic site.

"We are treating this very seriously and will be increasing patrols in the area. Anyone found causing damage to the preserved building and their environs will be arrested and prosecuted.

"Island Farm is an important historical area for Bridgend and this type of behaviour will not be tolerated."

Anyone with any information concerning the damage caused to the Island Farm site is asked to contact Inspector Jay Winslade-Gregory at Bridgend Police station on 01656 655555, or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Porthcawl U3A go on a guided tour of the past

THE Universities of the Third Age Nationally consist of 700 branches with between them over 200,000 members of which Porthcawl U3A with over 500 members is one.

They are all proud to be democratic, self-funded organisations which provide all types of educational, creative and leisure activities.

At the end of June, Porthcawl U3A embarked on what turned out to be an exciting and thoroughly enjoyable field excursion, which brought together educational and leisure activities.

In the morning, members were privileged to enjoy a guided tour of Llanfiangel Court, an Elizabethan manor house situated near Abergavenny, dating back to 1670 and still being renovated.

Special features of the house are its lovely lawns situated in a mature garden of beauty with peacocks strutting freely about.

The photographs show members assembled on the lawns listening to an absorbing historical rendition by the owners.

One of the peacocks also obliged by extending its plumage, as if to show off in front of its special visitors!

Following lunch, the party joined a dragon long boat at Brecon for an afternoon's cruise, along the canal, through a lock to the viaduct.

Visits are usually arranged monthly for Porthcawl U3A members by their extremely active joint presidents, Dorothy and Doug Jones and are always planned with military precision.

This was yet another day to remember for the members who made the trip and were unanimous in their praise.

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ABOVE: A leisurely cruise along the canal../

News from Porthcawl Comprehensive

School pupils engineer a 100% score in challenge

EVERY year, the Engineering Education Scheme Wales, in partnership with the Royal Academy of Engineering, sets a formidable challenge and throws down the gauntlet to year-12 and 13 pupils across Wales.

This year, the gauntlet was picked up by a team from year-13 in Porthcawl Comprehensive.

The challenge is unique to each team but is always a real-life problem, currently being faced by an engineering company.

The team's job is to help solve the problem with a cost effective solution that is as green as possible.

Porthcawl were teamed up with TVonics, a national company who make digital TV set top boxes.

The problem? Digital TV will soon replace analogue broadcast technology. When this happens, all TV sets must be digitally compatible.

Instead of replacing old analogue TVs, many are opting to use a digital set top box.

The team were set the task of enabling set top boxes that use only SCART connections to be connected to TV sets which are not SCART compatible, by designing an RF to SCART modulator.

TVonics challenged the team at Porthcawl Comprehensive School to use their electronics knowledge to design a solution.

The solution would need to be able to convert the signal presented at the SCART output to an RF analogue signal that could be presented to the TV's aerial socket and "tuned-in" by the customer.

The Porthcawl team set to work and, eventually, judging took place at the Celtic Manor Resort, Newport, and the team were required to give a presentation of their solution to a panel of judges, who then interviewed and questioned them extensively.

How did they do? There were 10 prize categories on offer and the Porthcawl team managed to win the "Best Working Model/Prototype" award.

In fact, not only did the team win, but they were the only team out of 80 schools, represented by more than 500 pupils from across the whole of Wales, to gain a perfect score of 100 per cent in all categories judged!

A huge pat on the back and a cheque for £50 goes to Tom Staley (team leader), Richard Vaughan, Ryan Williams and Jack Simlett (all pictured above).

Richard Lawson (Physics dept)

ABOVE: The pupils pose with their ingenious solution

Groundwork green play centre opened at Tondu

ENVIRONMENTAL charity Groundwork has unveiled a green play centre at Parc Tondu, Bridgend, which has been supported by funds raised from Marks & Spencer's carrier bag charge.

The Green Play Centre was officially opened by the Mayor of Bridgend, Coun Jeff Tildesley. and the Talbot Green Marks & Spencer store manager, Lisa Jones, and attended by members of the Groundwork Bridgend & Neath Port Talbot board, local schools and Play experts.

In May last year, M&S introduced a 5p charge for food carrier bags in all of its UK stores, to encourage customers to reduce the amount of plastic bags they use and bring a reusable bag for life with them each time they shop.

All profit from the charge is going to Groundwork to invest in 'Greener Living Spaces' such as the new Green Play facility at Parc Tondu.

A spokeswoman explained that the funding from M&S' carrier bag charge has enabled Groundwork to develop an innovative natural play space on its heritage site at Parc Tondu, where local children, young people and adults can use natural materials and experience play in a totally natural setting.

Local young people were involved in designing and developing the site, which is open to the local community and supported by a team of specialist Green'Play Rangers.

In addition to providing natural play space, the centre will also be used to develop environmental art activities and provide outdoor classrooms for local school children.

Mark Evans, executive director, Groundwork BNPT, said: "The Greener Living Spaces Initiative has enabled us to develop much-needed natural play facilities for children in Bridgend.

"We hope that the Green Play Centre will really make a difference for local children."

Police appeal after motor bike stolen

POLICE in Bridgend are investigating the theft of a £14,000 Harley Davidson motorcycle from the car park of Bridgend Rugby Club between 10.30am and 11.45am on Friday, July 3.

They are appealing for information or witnesses and said the 1,340cc motorcycle, dark blue in colour, was locked securely.

Lung disease: AM highlights long waiting times for local treatment

OGMORE AM Janice Gregory has added her support to the British Lung Foundation Wales' campaign to make lung disease a national priority.

At an event held at the Assembly, BLF Wales highlighted the fact that although one in five people in Wales live with a lung condition, patients still face a postcode lottery when it comes to healthcare services.

Services such as pulmonary rehabilitation are only available in half of Wales. In Bridgend and surrounding areas waiting lists are now more than a year long.

Pulmonary rehabilitation is a course with input from doctors, nurses, physiotherapists, dieticians and occupational therapists, that helps people manage their lung condition with confidence.

Research has proven that successful pulmonary rehabilitation can reduce both the number of emergency hospital admissions and the overall number of days spent in hospital for people with respiratory problems.

The benefits of providing an adequate service are significant, both for those with lung disease, and for the NHS in Wales.

Members of Breathe Easy Bridgend, Myrddyn Jones from Bryncethin and Allan Bayliss from Nantymoel, attended the event and "relished the opportunity" to let Assembly Members know about the services they believe should be made available to all people with lung disease.

The British Lung Foundation Wales is calling for an urgent prioritisation of pulmonary rehabilitation services by the new LHBs, which Ms Gregory supports.

Head of the British Lung Foundation, Chris Mulholland, commented: "Despite all the challenges of providing a health service fit for the 21st Century, this simply isn't good enough. We welcome everyone's support in driving forward improvements."

For more information about the campaign, or about how the British Lung Foundation Wales can help you, please contact 01792 455764 or email wales@blf-uk.org

Janice Gregory AM meets Myrddyn Jones (centre) and Allan Bayliss (right) at the Assembly event.

Bridgend fun and games for children's charity

LIANNE REES, a 21-year-old teaching assistant at Cefn Glas Infants, Bridgend, is hosting a children's 'Fun and Games' sports session for three-to-10-year-olds in aid of Welsh children's cancer charity LATCH.

It will take place on July 13, from 4pm-5pm at the Concert Hall in Bridgend Recreation Centre. Children will have the chance to take part in four activities: rugby, golf, aero-gym and parachute games.

These will be led by Anthony Blackwood and Mark Della Court of the Celtic Crusaders, Tom Davies, PGA golf pro and local aerobic/gymnastic coach Heidi Jones.

Lianne said: "This will be a fantastic after-school fun event for both boys and girls, raising vital funds for a great Welsh charity. We only have 50 places available, so it will be first-come, first-served on the day."

Tickets will be on sale at the door at £2 per child for the first in a series of events Lianne is organising over the next 12 months with the aim of raising more than £4,000.

She is planning to take up the LATCH charity challenge of a nine-day sponsored trek through the foothills of Tanzania, known as Footsteps of the Maasai, in October 2010.

Vale MP is upbeat about defence college prospects

VALE MP John Smith is continuing to put the case for the controversial MoD Defence Technical College, as reactions come in from around the area to the recently-submitted planning application.

Mr Smith told The GEM: "There will be more students receiving training at the £12 billion Defence Technical College in St Athan than undergraduates being taught at Cardiff University each year.

"Each year, up to 25,000 students from the Army, Navy and Air Force will receive training in engineering, communication and information systems skills at St Athan. In 2008/09 there were 20,593 undergraduates at Cardiff University."

Mr Smith, who has always been at the forefront of the campaign to bring the DTC to Wales, continued: "This record investment will firmly establish south Wales as a centre of educational excellence.

"Like Cardiff University, which has Nobel Prize winners on its staff, I believe the DTC will become a world beater. Each year, thousands of trainees will leave St Athan qualified in some of the most sought-after civilian recognised technical skills in the world.

"Already, major companies are looking to Wales, because here at St.Athan for the next 25 to 30 years there will be a rich supply of highly-skilled engineers."

Mr Smith insisted: "This project is transformational. It will transform the training of our Armed Forces from traditional chalk and talk to interactive e-learning.

"It will transform the reputation of the Welsh economy by turbo-boosting it towards a knowledge-based economy and transform employment opportunities for our youth."

The credit crunch, and the huge sums needed by the Government to prop up the banks, have led to rumours that the DTC's funding may be under threat.

However, Mr Smith is relentlessly up beat about the project, and pointed to the fact that the Ministry of Defence (MoD) had recently provided an extra £44 million to underwrite the cost of essential works to keep the DTC project on track.

This third tranche of underwriting costs means that the MoD has now committed nearly £85 million to the plan. The latest cash injection has been agreed by the MoD to underwrite a number of important activities linked to training delivery and the design and planning of the St. Athan site.

Mr Smith insisted: "This extra money is within the planned budget, at no additional charge to the MoD.

John Smith said: "Yet again, it demonstrates the Government's commitment to the St Athan site. The project is making good progress.

"The planning submission for the DTC was made to the local planning authority recently, and the future headquarters team for the college are now based at St. Athan.

"This extra money will maintain the momentum on progressing this project on time and within budget."

He concluded: "The Defence Technical College is a great example of the type of long-term investment in future infrastructure and skills that will help us weather the current economic storms."

Steam locomotive arrives to join the Garw Valley Railway

THE 'new generation' Garw Valley Railway recently took delivery of a steam locomotive to be restored and used on the line.

The locomotive, a Robert Stephenson & Hawthorn 0-4-0ST number 7705 of 1952, used to operate at the former Ely Paper Mills in Cardiff and is now owned by a consortium of Vale of Glamorgan Railway Company members, the 7705 Locomotive Group.

The loco, at one time owned by the National Museum of Wales, was once based at the former Caerphilly Railway Centre and spent some time at the Gwili Railway, Carmarthenshire, before becoming a static exhibit at the former Industrial and Maritime Museum at Cardiff Docks.

The locomotive is part way through an extensive rebuild by the group, whose ages vary between 20 and 'late 40s' and are also members of the Bridgend Valleys Railway Company.

It is intended to restore the locomotive for use on the Garw Valley line and it is hoped that the project will enable other volunteers to gain new skills and experience in heritage engineering.

Most of the fabrication work, and all of the assembly, will be performed by railway members. The boiler is being restored off-site and will be delivered to Pontycymer Locomotive works for final assembly.

The 7705 Group estimate a period of three years to restore the loco to operational status, but cannot promise a firm completion date due to other commitments with the Bridgend Valleys Railway Company.

The 4.5 mile line is situated in Bridgend county borough and runs from Pontycymer at the head of the steeply-graded and picturesque valley, to a point at Brynmenyn close to Tondu station on the Maesteg Branch.

The current operating base of the line is located at the site of the former Pontycymer station, where the two-road locomotive works houses the rolling stock.

NICK WEEDON

Rhodri's friends bring touch of South American passion to the classical repertoire

The Bolivar Soloists in full flow.

CONCERT REVIEW by PHILIP IRWIN

WE journalists have to write about most things but – to be honest – classical music is not my forte.

The truth is, I love music with lyrics – Sondheim, Springsteen, Cole Porter, Randy Newman or any other great songwriter.

I can appreciate instrumental music, but the technical judgements that appear in a typical classical review are beyond me.

To forestall someone else from saying so, this reviewer doesn't know his diminuendos from his crescendos, nor does he know his allegros from his al dentes.

Nevertheless, having really enjoyed the concert in All Saints Church, Porthcawl, last week, featuring Porthcawl piano virtuoso Rhodri Clarke (playing as a member of the Bolivar soloists), I figure that I should have a shot at it.

Rhodri, a former Porthcawl Comprehensive pupil, has now made Holland the base for his classical music career, and has given recitals already with the Berlin Philharmonic, and the Lucerne International Music Festival – among others.

However, it is obvious that he gets a real buzz playing with friends in the Bolivar Soloists (he is the only gringo in this Latin American ensemble) and they play in a style that is quite different from the usual classical evening.

There are four others in the group but at All Saints, they were missing one member, as double-bassist Hernan Matute, from Venezuela, could not get his visa processed in time.

Nevertheless, the quartet absolutely filled the church with sound – sometimes haunting and sad, sometimes vibrant and colourful – and you could close your eyes and imagine that far more musicians were there.

If the group has a leader, it appears to be the flautist Efrain Oscher, a native of Uruguay, who introduces the songs and cuts a flamboyant figure on stage with his beard, long hair and bright red shirt.

The violinist, Juan Manuel Gonzalez, is Venezuelan, and the cellist, Pablo Bercellini is Argentinian. All members of the group work extensively in Europe, with orchestras or on projects such as the Bolivar Soloists.

A relatively short first half of the programme was predominantly 'traditional' with pieces by Bach and Mozart, and it was, to my untrained ears, pretty well flawless – made up of difficult pieces played beautifully.

However, after a short intermission, the style changed, with featured sections from Argentina, Cuba and from Venezuela.

Efrain explained that the Cuban songs were in the style of the Buena Vista Social Club, and they did, indeed have that ultra-relaxed feel, allied to the subtle rhythms that gave the Cuban artists such a world-wide following.

Similarly, songs by three different Venezuelan composers provided a faster, more flamboyant mix of songs, with plenty of opportunities for the soloists to show off their virtuosity – all the time working within ever-changing rhythms.

You could pick up pretty clearly where Leonard Bernstein drew his inspiration for some of the *West Side Story* score.

However, the Argentinian section was my favourite – and this time Efrain explained that all the pieces were by Astor Piazzolla, who is credited with re-working the traditional tango and bringing it into the modern era, using elements of jazz and classical.

It has made him popular in his native land, too. Efrain explained: "He is a real national hero –second only to Maradona!"

Piazzolla's music moves from desperately haunting sad themes to moments of real drama in an instant – and it was particularly when playing his pieces that there seemed to be more than just four musicians on stage.

Apparently, many of his melodies have been used as backgound music in films, and it is not difficult to see why.

So, a good audience that almost filled the church enjoyed a fine evening. It would be good to see the Bolivar Soloists back again in Porthcawl, perhaps in a bigger venue.

Who knows, maybe their complex Latin rhythms would be a good fit in the Porthcawl Jazz Festival?

They would bring the average age of the performers down a bit too.

Primary schools play rugby league on Brewery Field

SATURDAY sees the finale to Celtic Crusaders' first ever season-long primary schools rugby league programme.

This is celebrated with a special 'Finals Day' at the Brewery Field in Bridgend from 2.30pm, the first of a number of events before the Crusaders take on Salford City Reds in the engage Super League at 6pm.

This season we have had 48 primary schools involved, including schools from, Bridgend county borough, Rhondda Cynon Taff and west Wales.

Most of the schools involved have been coached by Celtic Crusaders' first team players and have taken part in a Brewery Field festival before watching a live Super League game.

The festivals have been run in association with Intro Sport Coaching and Teaching, an organisation that provides fun sporting activities for children from eight-14 years old.

Players have been all round the schools, signing autographs, having pictures taken with the children and teaching them new rugby league skills.

On Saturday, eight schools have made the primary schools final and will go head-to-head to win the Celtic Crusaders 2009 Primary Schools Finals trophy, runners up trophy and Player of the Tournament award.

Players, coaching staff, Martin Roddy MBE and Intro Sport manager, Andrew Bury will be presenting the awards.

The primary schools taking part are Ysgol Gynradd Cwm Garw (Bridgend), Bettws (Bridgend), Nantymoel (Bridgend), Ysgol Gymraeg Teilo Sant (Llandeilo), Tycroes (Ammanford), Bro Banw (Ammanford), Y Bedol (Glanamman) and Blaencaerau Junior School (Maesteg).

Andrew Bury, manager said: "It's been great working with Celtic Crusaders when we organised and delivered the Ammanford Tag festival where four schools have now made it into the Finals Day. We have enjoyed working with schools, providing supply teachers and coaches over South Wales, and we look forward to a prosperous future with the Celtic Crusaders."

Celtic Crusaders community development officer Matt Pritchard said: "Saturday will be a fabulous occasion where we can see the first primary schools finals day as a finale of this season's primary schools programme.

"I have had emails and messages sent to me to say how much everyone has thoroughly enjoyed the programme as a whole which couldn't have worked without the players, coaching staff, backroom staff and Wales Rugby League's input.

"Through looking at how the programme has run, we are now in the process of making this even bigger and look to be in even more primary schools next year."

IAN GOLDEN

Odeon Cinema assault: police appeal to public

POLICE have made a public appeal for information following a serious assault outside the Odeon Cinema at the Welsh Designer Outlet Village, Bridgend, on July 2, at around 2.30pm.

A 17-year-old youth from the Bridgend area was attacked by a group of other youths and received head injuries that required hospital treatment.

Three male youths, two aged 15 years and one aged 16 years and all from the Bridgend area, were arrested and released on police bail.

Anyone with information about the assault is asked to contact Police Constable Suzette Williams at Bridgend Police Station, on 01656 655555 or anonymously via Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

Sneak thief robs former mayor (80) of his bike

PORTHCAWL'S former mayor has just lost his wheels.

David Newton Williams, who will be 80 in August, has had his bike stolen.

"I parked it outside the Spar in John Street while I posted a letter inside. I was gone only a minute, so I did not secure it, but when I came out the bike was gone," he told The GEM.

Coun Newton Williams took up cycling in earnest about eight years ago when he took part in a 400-mile charity bike ride along the banks of the Nile in Egypt to raise funds for cancer research. He managed to collect £4,500.

"I had not cycled for years. I more or less gave it up when I was a teenager but since doing that ride, I have become a keen cyclist and go out on my bike most days. I cycle all around Porthcawl."

Mr Newton Williams, who is still a practising architect, said he would have to go and buy himself a new one.

"It seems a bit daft to be saying at 80 that I need a new bike but I really enjoy it and I don't want to give it up."

He has reported the theft to police and hopes that they may recognise the culprit by checking the CCTV tapes from cameras in John Street.

"But I'm not holding my breath. I only hope that whoever took it gets as much fun out of it as I have."

CENTRE'S FIRST BIRTHDAY BASH!

BRIDGEND County Borough Council's customer service centre celebrated one year in operation earlier this week.

Although it was 'officially' opened by gold medal-winning Paralympian Simon Richardson on October 3, 2008, it has been operational since July 7, 2008.

Since then, the centre has been hailed a resounding success, winning a Bridgend Civic Trust award, which recognised the enormous amount of work that went into transforming what was a small foyer into a state-of-the-art centre in the council's main Civic Offices.

Customer service manager, Bev Davies said: "We are thrilled to celebrate the first, very successful year of the Customer Service Centre.

"We strive to provide a welcoming environment for our customers and the team looks forward to another 12 months working at the heart of the community to help people access the services and information they need."

The Council Leader, Coun Mel Nott, commented: "The feedback I have received from borough residents indicates that they have noticed a huge improvement in the level of service provided."

The state-of-the-art facility helps customers with enquiries, enables them to pay their council tax, drop off planning applications and view publications. Bilingual digital signage and information screens also keep visitors well-informed when they visit the centre, which is open Monday to Friday, 8am to 7pm.

The customer service team celebrate the centre's first anniversary.

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RUGBY VETERANS ARE HOLDING BACK THE YEARS IN CEFN RUGBY FESTIVAL

ABOVE:
Kenfig Hill were the runners-up.

ABOVE:
Cefn Cribwr's Richard Dunne races for the corner but finds the cover defence closing in fast.

ABOVE:
Nantyffyllon take a line-out in the final against Kenfig Hill.

LARGE crowds turned up at Cefn Cribwr to watch The Riders' first veterans' rugby tournament, and they were entertained by some sparkling Barbarians-style rugby.

In the early rounds, it was the home side, along with Nantyffyllon and Kenfig Hill, who caught the eye, and Kenfig did go on to make the final, beating Pyle in the semis.

Cefn Cribwr put Cornelly to the sword before losing to Nanty in the other semi-final.

Kenfig started the stronger in the final, but could not last the pace as Nantyffyllon ran in some wonderful tries to take the title.

All cash raised at the event went to the local Gambo charity fund.

A spokesman for the gambo committee said: "We would like to thank everyone who helped make the day such a success."

ABOVE:
Cornelly's outside-half Justin Davies looks a little outnumbered.

Snowdonia hiking team raise cash for popular local charity

MORE than £1,000 was raised for the Gambo charity fund, which is based in Pyle, Cornelly and Kenfig Hill, when local residents tackled the Snowdonia Hike.

The climb took just over six hours, with the weather changing in the blink of an eye.At one point, the wind speed reached 80 mile per hour, with rain and hail thrown in as well.

It did not deter the climbers, and all completed the task. Each group member paid his own expenses, so all sponsorship money went to the charity.

A spokesman for the gambo committee said: "We would like to thank all who took part for making such a great effort."

ABOVE: About to set out for the mountain top.

BELOW: Cold and wet at the summit.

LATEST CHARITY NEWS FROM AROUND CORNELLY, PYLE, AND KENFIG HILL

COUNTDOWN TO THE GREAT GAMBO RACE

This year's Gambo charity fund race around the hostelries of Pyle, Cornelly and Kenfig will take place on Sunday, August 30.

A spokesman for the organisers told The GEM: "It's time to get the toolbox out, start working on your gambos, and redesign those rear diffusers, so you don't end up like Lewis Hamilton.

"Anyone with any enquiries about the event should telephone 01656 744928."

He revealed that there was chance for teams to 'test drive' their gambos by joining the procession at Porthcawl Carnival, which takes place on Saturday, July 25.

He added: "There will be a prize for best gambo, and further details can be obtained from Kerry Marlow of Porthcawl Carnival on 01656 771457."

BARBARIANS TAKE ON ZIMBABWEANS AT CRICKET

THE charity cricket match between teams from the New House Barbarians and Pyle RFC Zimbabweans is to be played on Sunday, August 23.

The regular game is a warm up before the gambo race on Sunday and has become a staple part of the weekend, and a great day out for all ages.

Refreshments will be available, with money raised going to the Gambo charity fund.

There will be entertainment at the New House and the Cornelly Arms.

For more details contact Lopper on 01656 744928.

OGMORE MP's SURGERIES

OGMORE MP, Huw Irranca-Davies. will be holding a surgery in the Llynfi Valley on the morning of Friday, July 17 and at Pencoed in the afternoon.

Surgeries will be by appointment only. *Telephone the MP's constituency office and advice centre on 01656 737777 for details.*

Please email your news items to the Editorial Department: ***ggem@internet-today.co.uk***

WATCH OUT, THE VALE JUDGES ARE ABOUT!

LEFT: Doing the groundwork before the chief judge's final deliberations were Coun Audrey Preston and Coun Anthony Ernest, under the guidance of Best Kept Village chairman Basil Watkins (centre).

JUDGING teams for the Best Kept Village in the Vale of Glamorgan were out and about last week, to carry out preliminary judging.

Bemused inhabitants of one village were surprised to see more than one team visiting them.

This was because they were chosen as the 'Check Village', one which all teams visit to ensure the standard of marking is consistent.

One such team is shown (above) discussing and agreeing marks for their group of villages.

A short list is presented for the chief judge's final decision.

The chief judge is then stewarded around these by the chairman, who does not in anyway contribute to the final result, but merely advises on the rules of the competition.

The chief judge is Mrs Anne Morgan, immediate past High Sheriff of Mid Glamorgan.

Her deliberations were revealed at the annual dinner and prizegiving at the Blacksmiths' Arms, Llanmaes on Wednesday, July 8 (yesterday) after The GEM had gone to press.

News from the Fonmon Apiary

WHILE last month was not exactly flaming June, the weather was most acceptable.

All the hives have been (and still are) very active. The months of May, June and July are viewed as the swarming period and, much as I have tried to stay on top of the bees and their needs, two of my five hives have swarmed.

Other events in my life have prevented me from carrying out a weekly inspection, so I must suffer the consequences of my actions – or more to the point – the lack of them.

Not being a commercial beekeeper, this is not a disaster.

Examining the two hives which had swarmed, revealed sealed queen cells. These and other observations confirmed for me that swarming had indeed taken place. As there are several sealed queen cells in each hive, I have taken the opportunity to start two new hives.

Simply put, it consists of a smaller version of the brood-chamber (box) having five frames of honeycomb in it instead of 11. It is termed a nucleus as that is just what it is – the nucleus of a new beehive.

Into this box will go a frame which has a sealed queen cell on it, a frame of sealed and emerging brood, plus frames with honey and pollen in them.

Bees from the same hive and from other hives, if needed, are gently shaken in. Many of these will be nurse bees, which along with those emerging, will become the occupants of the new hive.

Older foraging bees will, of course, have been shaken in, but they will eventually fly back to their own hive.

The beekeeper has to provide food (liquid sugar) for the nucleus, as it will not have any foraging bees of its own.

The queen cell will, in due course, hatch, some two weeks later she will take a mating flight and if it has been successful, she will proceed to lay eggs and start to populate the hive.

The sealed brood will also be emerging and adding to the numbers. This expansion will be accommodated by transferring the bees to a full-sized hive when the extra numbers indicate the need for more room.

That is it, very simply put. However, timing, knowledge and experience do come into play and failure is always around the corner. Such is the beekeeper's lot.

So how is the Apiary at Fonmon progressing this year? Very well is the answer... Honey has been taken off for the first time in two years, some 400 jars in fact.

Thanks to the oil-seed rape, the weather and (of course) the diligent work of the ladies of the hives, this beekeeper is a very happy man.

The downside, of course, is the ever-present Varroa mite. Will we ever be rid of it?

Harold Williams

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Good people can outweigh bad things that we hear about

I WAS spending a lovely day with my family at Llantwit Major beach when I slipped and fell on the rocks, hurting my back.

I would like to say a very big thank you, through The GEM, to the following people who helped me that afternoon.

A young lady by the name of Lisa, who kept me calm by talking to me and reassuring me that everything would be alright.

A young man from the lifeguards who supplied an ice pack for my back, and my daughters and their friends.

After a trip to A & E at Princess of Wales, Bridgend, I was checked over and, thankfully, no bones were broken.

It is comforting to know that there are kind and caring people in the world who outweigh all the bad things we hear about these days.

(Name and address supplied)

'Childish behaviour cannot continue'

I WAS delighted to be invited to the mayoral service for Coun Russell Downe in Llantwit this Sunday, and all who took part did so with dignity and grace.

A special thanks to Karis for her wonderful *Ave Maria,* and to the primary schoolchildren who sang so beautifully.

The occasion was only marred by the continued sulks of those councillors who did not deem it necessary to be there for this year's mayor.

All of the town council should have been in attendance at this special occasion, and if they cannot support their mayor, publicly or privately, then, in my opinion, they are unable to do the jobs for which they were elected.

I stress that this does not include all the absentees, as one was apparently unable to attend due to family health concerns.

A town council has to work together for the good of the people, and this childish behaviour cannot go on.

My congratulations to Russell, and I know he will achieve his goals as well in the next year as he did in his last mayoral year.

Jo Cody, Llantwit Major

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St Athan noise issue: 'send engine testing to Rhoose'

WITH reference to the recent GEM article on the proposed defence college noise levels, Coun Roger Eustace has carried out good work in picking out the high and significantly increased noise admitted in the application document 16 by consultants Entec.

This 130-page chapter on noise and vibration has proved problematic – it was revised and is no easy read.

It's not only the new training activities. Engine testing has been a major problem, since the VC10 contract came. Such high disturbance should never have been permitted, yet the Welsh Assembly Government is taking it as baseline acceptability for future noise, instead of seeing the ending of the contract in 2014 as terminating an unacceptable activity.

Engine testing noise is incompatible with the training college. While most residents in West Camp and Boverton may be expected to become accustomed to the noise, many of the military trainees, in residence for a few weeks or months, could be highly disturbed. But because they don't exist, Entec's document virtually ignores this.

Entec conducted a two-day survey, on May 12-13, 2008, during VC10 engine running. They say: "unfortunately" there were high winds with gusts up to 18 mph. That's "unfortunate" for Entec, because the results are unreliable.

Upwind noise levels are lower and probably also downwind levels, compared with normal, low breeze conditions when noise refracts groundwards over obstacles. Entec should be required to measure during 'worst case' noise conditions.

They are proposing to move engine testing to a site south of the runway, closer to Boverton. Entec recommend a 10-metre high bund as noise barrier, but not on the west side, and don't say how limited an effect such a barrier would have.

The whole approach over engine testing is wrong. Entec propose some mitigation, assuming it's to continue, yet show the noise level is "high" and the disturbance "significant".

The high and increased levels of disturbance say it's not acceptable, neither for trainees nor for residents of neighbouring areas.

The Welsh Assembly Government should not presume to impose this, but be forced to show where they could alternatively locate such engine testing activity.

Engine testing at Nantgarw was sent to Rhoose airport many years ago, why should St Athan's not go there, too?

Max Wallis
(Barry & Vale Friends of the Earth)

'Thank you for assisting me'

MAY I, through your newspaper, express my sincere thanks to everyone who helped me on Friday morning, June 12 after hearing my cries for help.

Also, the gentleman who found my purse and handed it to the police,, and my neighbour who looked after me until they arrived.

Mrs PM Pringle (82), Barry

'Rude drivers and a lollipop lady'

REGARDING your report in last week's GEM that some drivers had complained to the Vale Council of being held up too long by the lollipop lady at St Illtyd's School – how long is too long?

Any driver who is too impatient to wait for children and families to cross the road could either simply avoid school times, or choose another route!

The council should have treated these complaints with the contempt they surely deserved and supported our very nice lollipop lady.

Instead of sending her on a re-training course, perhaps the rude drivers could be sent – in order to learn some manners.

J Birt, Llantwit Major

Civil service fund is here to offer help

I HAVE been a member of the Civil Service benevolent fund since 1970 and have been a volunteer visiting officer, and also a representative on the Cardiff area committee.

Since 2007, our local committee changed to what is now called the Welsh Committee, which held its annual general committee meeting in May. Recently, the AGM of the Civil Service Benevolent Fund within the UK and Northern Ireland was hosted by the Welsh Committee in Cardiff.

Last year, I was fortunate to receive life membership of the fund when the AGM was held in Belfast.

As I appear to be the only volunteer visiting officer in this area, I would appeal to any civil servant (in service or retired) to join the Welsh Committee and perhaps become a visiting officer for those in need.

There may be retired, sick or bereaved civil servants or spouses (including Civil Aviation Authority or any other affiliated organisation) in need of financial help or moral support.

To get in touch with Fund House, telephone 0800 056 2424, or 01446 710416.

Grace M Watkins, Rhoose

These thoughtless 'campers' are ruining our lovely unspoilt valley

TODAY is Saturday, July 5, and it is 9.45am on a lovely summer morning.

My dogs and I have just arrived home from our morning walk through the beautiful Colhugh valley. You know the valley I mean, the beautiful unspoilt one that runs from Llantwit Major to the beach, the one that – as yet – has NO ugly man-made path running through it.

We walked through the pasture meadow, said "Good morning" to the young cattle lying quietly chewing the cud, passed by the pumping station with the dogs occasionally jumping joyfully into the river to cool off and on into the wildlife meadow.

How lovely it is now with the grasses and plants that have grown to shoulder height.

At the gap into the car park field I stopped in dismay; put the dogs on their leads, then walked slowly through to the beach car park.

We stood and had our morning look at the beach from which we are banned and then turned to look back up the valley.

The car park field is supposed to be precisely that, a field for parking cars! There is a notice at the entrance that says 'No Camping' – there are no facilities for campers.

This morning, there were five camper vans and 16 tents scattered across the field. This is now happening nearly every weekend.

Day visitors to the beach who arrive in cars will have difficulty finding a space.

The health and safety issues are horrendous. They drive away at the end of their weekend jaunt, leaving behind the firepits made with stones from the beach, their rubbish, including broken bottles and the remains of food from their barbecues.

I have nothing against campers who show consideration to their environment and other people; I was one myself for many years when our children were young – BUT this is not an official campsite with facilities.

It is time for the Vale Council to face its responsibilities, not ignore the problem.

They have two options; either enforce the No Camping rule, or set aside an area for campers with all the relevant facilities which should include a site manager.

We, the council taxpayers of the Vale, would be happy with either solution, if it puts an end to the rubbish and fouling in our beautiful valley.

Mrs J Swift, Llantwit Major

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A closer look at the . . .
Market Town of Maesteg

Maesteg – a proud valleys town that looks to a vibrant future

by JAYNE ISAAC

MAESTEG is a quintessential valley town with a homely indoor market, family owned shops and customers who all seem to know each other

It would be quite true to say that shopping in the town is as much a social event as retail therapy.

The town centre has undergone substantial regeneration in recent years, and has seen many of its fine Victorian and Edwardian shops beautifully restored – thanks to grants from the Heritage Lottery Fund.

Much of the town centre is listed – from the magnificent Victorian town hall with its clock tower that dominates the town centre – to the former North's Library, now an amusement centre, and the *art deco* Post Office.

The Town Council has also spent £200,000 restoring its offices which were built in 1913 by the former Maesteg UDC.

Maesteg offers a wide choice to shoppers, despite losing some shops to the credit crunch. New businesses are opening up in the town – a sure sign of vibrancy.

The town centre offers a nice array of food shops – including bakery shops, a proper butcher, Go Bananas greengrocery and a delicatessen in the inside market.

The market hall is a pleasant place to shop with a choice of stalls selling everything from free range eggs and cooked ham to fresh baked bread, newspapers, clothing, wallpaper and paint.

Pet supplies, dressmaking, a café, a sweet shop and a Welsh stall selling laverbread, together with other things, complete the choice.

The market is still the focal point of the town although the outdoor market never recovered from the disastrous make-over brought in by Ogwr Borough Council in 1991.

It is to be hoped that the final phase of the town centre regeneration will put right these wrongs, and also address issues at the bus station which is conveniently close – but in dire need of repair and renovation.

The town centre offers a choice for shoppers of many different items, including jewellery, clothing, children and baby clothes, men's fashions, sports wear, handbags, shoes and household items.

There are a number of larger chain stores in the town which add to the choice available.

The closure of Woolworth's in January was a blow to Maesteg, as it was to many other towns, but another business is now taking over the large empty store in the town's main street.

The news that Woolworth's has been let has been welcomed by Richard Collins who is president of the chamber of trade.

"That site is an anchor site for the town centre and footfall has been down in Commercial Street since it closed. Having a new business inside that shop will be a draw for people.

"Competition is good because more people are attracted to the town if they have a choice of places to shop.

"Maesteg has 22,000 people so there is a strong customer base to attract new businesses into the town."

Maesteg has one of the most beautiful settings of any town in Wales – surrounded by a ring of hills which change with the passing seasons.

The jewel in the crown of the Llynfi Valley is undoubtedly the ancient hilltop village of Llangynwyd, which is only a mile or two from the town centre.

Dating back to the 6th century, the village has a commanding view and an eventful history.

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GARNWEN TRUST WINS CHARITABLE STATUS

THE Garnwen Trust has just been granted charity status – to the delight of its founders Richard and Margaret Collins.

They named it after Garnwen Mountain, which provides a back drop to the town centre.

It was set up to raise funds in the memory of their son Alex Collins and his girlfriend Bethan Jones who were both killed in a plane crash in Thailand in September 2007. The charity, originally called the Garnwen Fund, has raised £43,000 so far by staging two sponsored walks and concerts.

The trust has donated £4,000 to Father Ferdinand, a catholic priest in Thailand who helped the family at the time of the crash, and £6,000 to the Bridgend and District Headway group, which helps people with brain injuries.

Richard and Margaret both do voluntary work for this group.

The charity is hoping to collect about £80,000 over the next year or so to provide a fully-equipped residential log cabin at the Afan Argoed country park in the neighbouring Afan Valley.

"We have not sorted out exactly what it will be used for, but we are hoping that it could be holiday accommodation and we are liaising with a number of possible user groups," said Mr Collins.

"But we are keeping the remit as wide as possible at this stage."

The big event for the charity will be a sell-out concert at the Town Hall, which is a homecoming gig for the band Funeral for a Friend, whose lead singer Matt Davies comes from Salisbury Road.

His parents are Steve and Kay Davies.

"We have sold 650 tickets for this event, so the town hall should be bouncing," said Mr Collins.

"This takes place on August 22 and the support band will be Caesar's Rome and Dead against the Rest which is Bethan's brother's band.

"We hope to make this concert an annual event in memory of Alex and Bethan," he added.

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Maesteg has become the hub of bilingual secondary education

IT was a special day for education in Maesteg, when the new comprehensive school was officially opened by the First Minister, Rhodri Morgan AM.

He praised the £24m state-of-the-art comprehensive and told the audience of pupils, teachers and VIPs that the new facilities "opened up a whole new world for learning in the Llynfi Valley".

Based at the former Maesteg Washery site, the 1,300-pupil new school was the result of a private finance initiative between Bridgend County Borough Council and a consortium formed by Babcock and Brown.

The former upper school site has now been developed as Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Llangynwyd, Bridgend county borough's first Welsh-medium secondary school, which the First Minister had also officially opened.

ABOVE: The First Minister is pictured at the official school opening.

Mr Morgan said the two new schools represented a "win-win" for the area and that education in Bridgend county borough has taken a "huge leap forward".

He added: "This is our ambition for Welsh education – that our children should be educated in facilities such as these."

Before the official ceremony, Mr Morgan enjoyed a tour of the new school, including the impressive central atrium.

The First Minister and guests were then treated to performances by the pupils – including folk dancing, singing and a sketch by the school drama group.

Mr Morgan was presented with a book on the Llynfi Valley by head boy Owen Jones and head girl Megan Heffey, and the ceremony ended with the Welsh national anthem, led by Maesteg Male Voice Choir.

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Porthcawl loyalty card will reward shoppers

A HUGE boost for shops in Porthcawl is on the cards – thank to the launch of a new loyalty card.

Porthcawl Chamber of Trade has led the way in devising a scheme to encourage shoppers to support the businesses in town.

Alun Edwards of Porthcawl Chamber of Trade, said that they had been working for some time on the scheme, which had the backing of chamber members.

"We have produced a plastic card, like a credit card, which people can keep in their purses or wallets," he said.

"This card can be purchased for £3 from any of the participating shops. In return, it will entitle the holder to a wide range of discounts and offers.

"People should get their money back within the first week."

Every shop taking part will have a window sticker with the scheme's logo. Mr Edwards said it was then up to each shop to decide what discount or offer to stage.

He said: "We have about 15 businesses taking part at the moment, but I am confident that others will join when the benefits become apparent.

"Everybody in the scheme will be named on our special website, where shoppers can check to see what's being offered."

He said that there was a wide range of businesses involved in the project. "It's not only shops but also companies offering services.

"The savings could be quite substantial. They range from money off drinks at cafés, to discounts on goods bought.

"Traders may change their offers week by week, so it's worth shoppers keeping a close eye on what's happening."

Full information is available on the new website www.porthcawlloyaltycard.co.uk

The scheme was launched by Porthcawl Mayor Rosemary Deere in a ceremony at the bandstand in John Street.

She welcomed the move and said it was good to see towns like Porthcawl showing people that they had plenty to offer shoppers.

"I hope that it will encourage local people to support the town centre and keep Porthcawl a vibrant town with lots of shops and businesses serving the community," the Mayor added.

ABOVE:
Lyndsay Morgan, president of The Porthcawl and District Chamber of Trade and Commerce, presenting loyalty cards to the Mayor of Porthcawl, Coun Rosemary Deere, Madeleine Moon MP, and Coun David Deere, consort to the Mayor.

ABOVE:
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Station runners have got the power

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Matt Boselli and Niall Moroney are among a group of 12 graduates from the company's offices around the UK who have agreed to compete in the 21k half marathon in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support.

Fundraising is already looking good, with more than £3,000 pledged and npower CEO, Andy Duff has confirmed that the company will match the money raised £ for £, bringing the expected total to around £6,000.

Andy Duff encourages Matt and Niall in their training programme.

Local AM calls for 30-minute service on Vale railway line

AT A MEETING the managing director of ARRIVA trains, Tim Bell and his colleagues, Vale AM Jane Hutt discussed a range of issues affecting local train services including her call for a half hourly service on the line from Barry to Bridgend.

She also raised the need to secure 'alcohol free' stations on the Vale line which has been discussed recently in Vale community PACT meetings.

Ms Hutt said: "As we celebrate the fourth Anniversary of the re-opening of the Vale of Glamorgan railway line, with new stations at Llantwit Major and at Rhoose, I am calling, once more, for the frequency of train services to be increased to half hourly as was originally envisaged.

"I have raised this with the Minister for Economy and Transport, Ieuan Wyn Jones AM."

Jane Hutt AM and ARRIVA trains bosses at a reception last week

'Flying Vet' remanded until September 1

VALE 'Flying Vet' Maurice Kirk has been further remanded in custody on two charges relating to a vintage firearm.

In June, Mr Kirk was charged with unlawfully possessing a Lewis machine gun, between January 1, 2008 and June 23, 2009.

He was also charged with attempting to sell or transfer the weapon without the proper authority.

At the time magistrates in Barry granted him conditional bail, but at a hearing at Cardiff Crown Court the prosecution appealed against the decision to allow bail and he was remanded in custody until July 6.

At the latest hearing on July 6, Mr Kirk was further remanded in custody until September 1.

Last year, Mr Kirk hit national headlines when during an epic solo flight he was forced to ditch in the Caribbean and was rescued by the US Coastguard.

'Enthusiastic' Mitchell proves diabetes doesn't have to get you down!

by TIM CHAPMAN

A DIABETIC young actor from Barry has just filmed the first episode of the children's TV show Skilliscious, which will be shown on ITV later this month.

Mitchell Thorngate, aged 10, who attends Gladstone Primary School in Barry, travelled to London after impressing producers with a telephone audition – and once there. he landed a role demonstrating an unusual sport.

Mitchell told The GEM: "Skilliscious is a programme in which youngsters get a chance to try out out-of-the-way sports.

"I tried underwater hockey, with a qualified instructor encouraging me.

"The series is on children's ITV from July 27 to August 28.

ABOVE: Mitchell's positive attitude is an inspiration to other youngsters who have been diagnosed with diabetes.

"I like acting, but after Skilliscious, it has made me think that maybe I'd like to do television presenting one day."

For many people, the thought of life with diabetes is daunting – and involves daily injections of insulin to regulate the body's blood sugar levels.

Mitchell said: "I have to have injections in the morning, then at 5pm and finally at 8pm.

"It has never stopped me from having fun – if anything it makes me more determined to be enthusiastic about what I do."

Mitchell's father Darrell explained: "He has been inspired by the likes of Sir Steve Redgrave and Halle Berry, who are also diabetic.

"Throughout his life, he has been determined that his diagnosis would not hold him back."

His mum Julie said: "He has always been confident, but taking part in drama classes has brought him even more out of himself. We're really proud of him!"

Mitchel's acting coach Peter Ferris added: "Mitchell immediately showed a natural talent and the Skilliscious show has opened up a real opportunity for him.

"You would never guess he was diabetic, and he tackles life with a real 100 per cent attitude."

What's on
IN BRIEF

Llanblethian gardens open

ENTHUSIASTIC gardeners are hoping to welcome visitors to their four Llanblethian gardens which will be open to the public on Sunday, July 12, from 2pm-6pm.

There will also be afternoon tea with home-made cakes in Llanblethian Church Hall.

The gardens are Glyndwr House (opposite the Cross Inn); Hilcot House in Church Road; The Mews, Stallcourt Close and Llanblethian House in Church Road.

Tickets will be available on the day at any of the gardens at £5, to include visits to the four gardens and afternoon tea.

Funds raised will be in aid of Llanblethian church.

Village show schedule

THE free schedule for the Dinas Powys Village Show will be available from Tuesday, July 14.

With 116 classes for people from age three upwards the committee hopes there will something to attract many entrants to this year's show on September 5.

The schedules will be available from the two post offices, Brynawel Garden Centre, council offices, fruit and veg stores, the two chemist shops and libraries in Dinas Powys, Wenvoe, Sully, Barry, and the Civic Offices in Barry.

Floral society

ON Tuesday, July 14, Barry Floral Society meets at St Nicholas Hall, Barry, for a demonstration by Mrs Gloria Davies of Ammanford, entitled 'A Season's Joy', commencing at 2.15pm. New members welcome.

Bingo in the vestry

A FUND-RAISING bingo evening, to include supper of faggots and peas or fish and chips, will be held in the vestry of St Mary's Church, Holton Road, Barry, on Friday, July 24, at 7pm. Cost £3.

LABOUR CLAIMS THAT TORIES HAVE MOVED THE GOALPOSTS ON SOCIAL HOUSING PLANS

A LABOUR councillor claims the Conservative-controlled Vale Council has quietly changed its commitment to social housing in the area.

Coun Neil Moore says that the goalposts have been moved in an 'off the cuff' change to the requirement for social housing.

He asserts that new wording chosen by the council for the deveolpment brief for Barry Waterfront could, in theory, remove a social housing requirement completely.

He told The GEM: "The developers bought the land knowing that any housing development had to contain at least 20 per cent social housing, which was the council's previous minimum requirement.

"They are also aware that the Assembly's current guidance is 30 per cent – a ratio the Vale's planning officers have adopted for some time.

"However, the cabinet of the Vale Council has changed the development brief to 'up to 30 per cent' of social housing, which could mean none at all."

Coun Moore continued: "The Vale Labour group has picked up on this unbelievable policy change by the Vale Tory cabinet, which has come without any previous warning, reason or logic.

"Labour members have attempted to change the recommendations because it flouts current policy. Regrettably, the Conservative scrutiny and planning members have not called their cabinet members to book!

"The process of scrutiny has been brought into disrepute as Conservative councillors have voted to support the cabinet without considering the consequences of their actions."

Coun Moore has other reservations about the new brief. He feels that any new developer should commit to providing a new access road to Barry Island.

He said: "There have been improvements to the road network, and I refer to Gladstone Bridge and Millennium Way, both provided by a Labour-led Vale Council.

"Other roads have been provided by Associated British Ports (ABP) and the Welsh Assembly Government (WAG), but it is imperative that any Waterfront developer has to provide that new access to Barry Island before any further development."

Coun Moore also cast doubt on the need for another supermarket, but says that it is essential that bars, restaurants and leisure facilities should be an integral part of any development, as these will bring tourists and facilities for residents.

Coun Jeff James, cabinet member for planning and transportation, responded by pointing out that, unlike the policy for the Local Development Plan (which states 30 per cent) the principles quoted by Coun Moore relate solely to Barry Waterfront.

He said: "It was necessary to build in flexibility, owing to the parlous state of the current housing market and economic downturn. These market conditions clearly undermine the viability of schemes.

"It seems as though Coun Moore has focused on just one of a whole raft of initiatives that we are insisting are included with the scheme.

"I would recommend that people access the document on the Vale Council's website to see for themselves that it is a comprehensive planning principles document that has been supported by the cabinet and the planning committee."

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Pupils are singled out on Barry Comprehensive School's annual presentation night for 2009

A HIGHLIGHT of Barry Comprehensive School's calendar is the annual presentation evening and this year's was no exception.

Pupils, their family and friends, staff and guests celebrated the many successes and achievements.

Guest speaker Mr Sam Goonetillake, founder and trustee of the international charity 'Help Lanka', praised the school's role in supporting their partner schools in Sri Lanka and acknowledged that Barry Comprehensive School had stronger links than any other school in the UK.

He praised the achievements of the party of students and staff who visited Sri Lanka last summer and thanked the school for the money raised. Mr Goonetillake also wished this year's party, who are leaving shortly, every success.

The venue for the event was the school's sports hall and the audience of almost 900 people enjoyed the presentations and the multimedia 'Review of the Year'.

Another highlight was the presentation by Mrs Linda James, chairperson of the 'Bullies Out' campaign, who handed Ms Sian Phillips a special award, marking the school's long term work with anti-bullying counsellors.

Barry Comprehensive School is one of only three schools in Wales to receive this award, recognising the tireless efforts of Ms Phillips, other staff and pupils who work to ensure that bullying is never tolerated.

Guests were treated to a sneak peak of the school's upcoming performance of Les Misérables.

Representatives of the under-16 football team with the Army Shield.

Andrew Emery receiving the year-11 Faculty of Technology Prize from Sam Goonetillake, the chief executive of Help Lanka.

Linda James from the Bullies Out Campaign presenting Sian Phillips with a special award recognising the school's long term work with anti-bullying councillors.

ABOVE: Winners of the Drama Department Prize.

Ashraf Ihbasheh receiving the year-7 Geography department prize from Sam Goonetillake, the chief executive of Help Lanka.

ABOVE: Leighton Jones receiving his PTA Prize.

Thomas Kinch receiving the Jamie Adamson Award.

RIGHT: Winners of the Art Department Prize.

ABOVE: Benjamin Jones receiving the Chair of Governors' Plate from Mathew Griffiths, chair of governors.

LEFT: Liam Tanner and Nathan Patch receiving the Evelyn Careless Award.

BELOW: Timothy Woodward receiving the Headteacher's Cup from David Swallow, headteacher.

LEFT: Chadwick Travis receiving the Ford Shield (Year 7 Rugby).

Elliot Evans receiving the Major Edgar Jones Cup.

Jack Feuresien with the John Carter Memorial Performing Arts Prize.

LEFT: Rhys West receiving the Marsha Estates Award for Maths from Mrs Murad.

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Our climate is pretty wet, but with most areas in the Vale thick clay is under the topsoil. This makes it hard for drainage and difficult for plants and trees to pick up water in a dry spell. Do remember to water moderately.

The planting season is over, so it is a bit late for me to say this, but always think before you buy a plant or tree. Remember how much maintenance is required, how fast and big it grows and ask yourself does it produce thorns?

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Vale Neighbourhood Acting Inspector Paul Revers said: "I urge householders to take more responsibility for their possessions and not to leave sheds, garages and homes insecure or expensive garden implements lying around unattended.

"Look after your belongings, do not to leave them where they can be easily seen or taken. Many burglaries occur on the spur of the moment as a burglar may see an opportunity and take their chance.

"Items left in a shed especially during the summer months can be very expensive and should not be left where they can be easily taken.

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Llantwit Major rugby juniors are at heart of the town's community

FOLLOWING a highly successful season both on and off the field, Llantwit Major RFC Mini and Junior section are looking to launch next season with an open training session to be held at the club on Sunday, July 12 at 10.30am-12noon.

All coaches will be in attendance to meet players old and new. All children aged six to 16 are welcome to come along and sample rugby the Llantwit Major way. The club are particularly keen to see more girls take up our national game.

The past season has probably being the most successful season the section has had since it started more than 30 years ago.

On the field, all age groups have shown improvement in both playing skills and player numbers.

We are very proud that our players, past and present, continue to play representative rugby at the highest level.

Matt Roberts represented Wales at under-16 level in the recent four nations tournament.

John Yapp continues to impress with Wales and we can boast a world cup winner with Daffydd Hewitt playing a vital role in Wales' Sevens world cup win in Dubai. Several other former players are making their mark with the Blues youth and development squads.

The section has also started to spread the name of LMRFC far and wide with recent highly enjoyable tours to Canada and France. The coaches are planning for future tours to New Zealand and Australia.

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Off the field, the section has made huge strides over the past 12 months under the stewardship of chairman Richard Godwin. We have become a major part of the community of Llantwit and the Western Vale.

We have helped to raise funds for one of our under-16 players to receive revolutionary treatment for his illness in Mexico. The section and the wider community has so far raised more than £10,000 for this fund.

We aim to continue this work by adopting the 'Help for Heroes' appeal, which aims to assist injured servicemen and women upon their return to the UK. At the heart of this wonderful charity is the game of rugby union.

The club also won two awards for its community work at the Llantwit Major Citizen of The Year awards.

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Tim Jones

Scout jumble

THE 1st Dinas Powys Scout jumble sale is at 1.30pm, on Saturday, July 18, at the Scout Hall, Highwallis Road, Dinas Powys. Admission 30p.

Car boot sale

RHOOSE Community Hall management committee are holding a car boot sale at the hall car park in Stewart Road, Rhoose, on Saturday, July 18. The sale opens at 10am.

Cost per car £5. Ring Mrs A Phillips on 01446 710377 to book a space.

NATHAN GUIDES STAGS SECONDS TO VICTORY

THE match between Ian Gadd's Barry Athletic CC 1st XI and Vale CC was cancelled last Saturday, due to heavy showers.

Despite not playing at all, Barry Athletic CC 1st XI move off the bottom of Division Two, thanks to Ponthir CC's nine-wicket defeat by Machen CC.

SECONDS WIN

BARRY Athletic CC 2nd XI, boosted by the return of captain, Martin Baker, hosted top of the table, Panteg CC, at the Barry Oval.

Showers before the game was scheduled to start meant that it would start at 2.15pm and the match was reduced to 44 overs, after a pitch inspection at 1.45pm. The Panteg captain, Gareth Meredith, won the toss and chose to bat first.

The Panteg opening batsmen, Kyle Hazard and Ben Mayers, began the first innings at a steady rate, scoring 38 runs from their first 10 overs.

Although the Stag bowling attack was not taking wickets, the batsmen were not taking full advantage, and they were punished when three wickets fell in the space of five overs – all three being taken by Billy Usswald.

Going from 63-0 to 77-3, Panteg looked like they were just going to be dismissed cheaply. That was until skipper, Gareth Meredith (46), James Lewis (43) and Sean Clarke (34) chipped in. The 44 overs were completed with Panteg finishing on 228-7.

The second innings got under way after the mid-session interval, with Damon Leake and Owain Davies opening the batting for the Stags.

It was a slow start for the Stags, being restricted to 21-2 from their first 10 overs.

Things weren't looking good for the Stags, with out-of-form Nathan Baker coming in to bat alongside Leake.

However, Baker and Leake produced a magnificent batting exhibition for the crowd, hitting boundary after boundary, including three massive sixes from Nathan.

The third wicket partnership of 194 from 188 balls took the game away from Panteg, with Damon Leake falling for a magnificent 94.

Despite this, Nathan finished off Panteg, hitting the winning runs to cap off a scintillating batting performance, finishing on 98 no. Barry Athletic CC 2nd XI won by seven wickets with 17 balls to spare.

Barry stay in the relegation zone of Division One, but they have closed the gap on the sides above them.

DEFEAT FOR THIRDS

WHILE Panteg Second XI were leaving the Barry Oval, Panteg Third XI returned to face a young Barry Third XI, captained by Nathan Baker.

Despite overcast weather conditions, no reductions were made to the game. Stags captain, Baker, won the toss and elected to bowl first.

The Panteg opening batsmen, James Reid and Mark Collins, immediately took control of the match, hitting boundary after boundary and making the Stag bowling attack look average.

Reid quickly pressed the acceleration button and rocketed to 138 in the space of 30 overs in a 222-run partnership with Mark Collins. This was brought to an end when youngster, Dominic Lack, bowled Reid.

Lack captured the wicket of Collins (63) in his next over, to finish with figures of 2-29.

Wickets began to fall regularly from then on with bowlers: Mitchell Taylor-Moore (1-56) and Andy Ellis (1-54) each taking a wicket.

A run-out by Nathan Baker also helped as Panteg CC reached 258-5 from their 40 overs.

Stag opening batsmen, Ben Eastman and Edryd Thomas, failed to cope with the threatening pace of opening bowler, Christopher Mee, who tore through the opening batsmen.

Barry were struggling at 41-4 from the first 11 overs, until the batting partnership of Nathan Baker and Mitchell Taylor-Moore restored some hope. Both batsmen coped to bring the Stags to 106-4 from 20 overs, including two huge sixes from Nathan Baker – one of which was hit out of the ground.

However, Nathan departed for 50 and Mitchell followed soon after, scoring 47. Barry were struggling and apart from a late cameo from Callum Twomey (27 no), no-one could cope with Panteg's bowling attack.

Barry were eventually dismissed for 183 after 37 overs, losing by 75 runs.

Forthcoming fixtures are on July 11; Barry First XI vs Ton Pentre CC; and Newport Fugitives CC vs Barry Second XI. On July 12, Machen CC vs Barry Third XI.

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Out and About with The GEM

DEPP AND BALE ARE THE BEST OF ENEMIES IN MANN'S CRIME BIOPIC

SCREEN TALK

by GARETH JAMIESON

IT appears that a blockbuster film will propel a skilled actor at the top of his or her craft to being appreciated by cineastes and becoming a global phenomena.

Take Johnny Depp for example, a wonderful actor who showed a range and ability that set him apart from many other actors.

Yet it wasn't until he sailed the seven seas in the *Pirates of the Caribbean* franchise that he gained the mass acclaim that he duly deserved. Since then, Depp has flitted from genre to genre, resulting in a varied CV, and his latest film sees him tackle the 'Crime/Biography' genre with *Public Enemies*.

Depp plays John Dillinger, a bank robber who, due to the nature of his crimes, becomes a public hero, praised by the masses suffering from the aftershock of the great depression.

Dillinger's crimes send the newly-formed FBI onto his tail, led by G-man Melvin Purvis (Christian Bale), who intends to capture Dillinger any way he can...

Michael Mann is a director who has little trouble mixing weighty subject matter with a visual sense that marks him out as one of cinema's finest directors.

Whether it's a biopic like *Ali* or a blockbuster such as *Miami Vice*, you can be assured that the film will look absolutely gorgeous and there will be sufficient story to back it up.

This is the case with *Public Enemies*, a film that strikes the eye tremendously, and while the story is engaging and intriguing, it does lack a certain degree of depth and exposition that would have benefited the end product greatly.

Certainly, the film engages visually from the start. Mann is a director whose attention to detail is near-faultless, and here he shoots in high-resolution digital video rather than film. It gives the film a realistic, almost lifelike quality that, cleverly, helps it avoid comparison with other 'gangster' movies.

Realising the amount of detail the camera picks up, Mann loads his shots with style and elegance that make you think you can reach out and touch the classic cars and decor, the composition and style absolutely top notch.

He also knows his way around a shoot-out, and the several on show here are visceral and hard-hitting, Mann getting in among the gunfire.

The performances are uniformly superb. The cast is filled out with some excellent actors in both big and small roles, such as Marion Cotillard, Billy Crudup and Stephen Graham.

In the lead, Johnny Depp is, as ever, exceptional, infusing Dillinger with the right mix of danger and charm.

Portrayed as a gentleman robber, offering female victims his coat and telling bank customers he's not there for their money, he is a captivating character that Depp invests deeply in and comes up trumps.

For those who have pegged Christian Bale as more of a shouter than an actor after his vocal display in *Terminator: Salvation*, then there is much to enjoy from his performance as the agent tasked with capturing Dillinger.

Bale is measured, concise and mannered here, bringing a quiet resolve to a character who is put straight into the firing line, and whose methods are in advance of the rest of the bureau.

The schism between Dillinger and Purvis may be easily compared to that of the characters portrayed by De Niro and Pacino in *Heat* (lawman versus criminal), but unlike that film which showed both sides of the characters' lives, Purvis is shown only at work, hunting Dillinger; there is no real depth to the character, and it makes him a touch one-dimensional.

This is redolent of the film's main problem; although clocking in at 130 minutes, come the roll of the credits you don't feel like you've learnt much about any of the characters.

There is no explanation, other than a single cursory sentence spoke by Depp to explain why Dillinger became the man he did. Nor do we learn as the film progresses what motivates him.

While he comes across as more dimensional than Purvis, that is mainly due to Depp's performance and the amount of screen time he has; it isn't a big enough flaw to derail the film, but it does take the sheen off what is still a very good piece of work.

VERDICT – *A shiny, glossy visual surface gives way to a screenplay that doesn't quite have the depth you would hope, but Public Enemies is still a wonderful film that showcases excellent performances from Depp, Bale et al, and features Michael Mann at his most visually arresting.*

Had the film got under the skin of its characters a bit more, however, it would have been a truly excellent piece. ***Enjoyable.***

Wild West's Oklahoma links up with Ogmore!

A BEAUTIFUL setting near Ogmore provided the perfect location for Billboard Ensemble's photo shoot for their summer musical, Rodgers and Hammerstein's *Oklahoma*.

The principals all enjoyed getting into character, donning their Wild West costumes and posing with the horses kindly on loan from the nearby riding stables.

Oklahoma is being staged at the Barry Memorial Hall Theatre, from July 29-August 1.

David Laugharne, musical director, has just left the West End after being the musical director for *Carousel* and is now at the Wales Millennium Centre with *The Thornbirds.*

Tickets priced at £9 and £8, are available at Sew Simple, Holton Road, Barry and A&A Dancwear, Park Crescent, Barry. Telephone 01446 401822 or 01446 400055.

Barry artist (92) captures memories of childhood

One of Byrd's famous kinetic machines.

A 92-year-old Barry artist has returned to the town he left almost 80 years ago – for a special exhibition of his works at Art Central.

After more than a decade in storage, Charles Byrd's recently refurbished kinetic machines are to go on display, together with a selection of his paintings at the Vale Council's Town Hall exhibition venue until July 27.

Images of roller-coasters, funfairs and trains, are linked to his childhood in Barry, while images of Cardiff Docklands from the 50s and 60s have become unique historical documents.

Artist Charles Byrd with some of his works.

Ty Hafan lottery draw winners

THE following are winning numbers in the Ty Hafan lottery draw number 573.

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LATEST NEWS FROM THE BARRIVALE BRIDGE CLUB

LATEST results from Barrivale are as follows:

Tuesday, June 23, first Irene Thomas and Graham Jones 61.11; second, Jane Brook and Mick Green 58.73; and third Mark Roderick and Tim Barsby 53.17.

Irene and Graham also won on handicap.

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ST DAVID'S PUPILS GET A GREEN AWARD

THE children of St David's Church in Wales Primary School, Colwinston, are celebrating after their work on energy was announced as a winner in the TOTAL Green School awards, netting them a £500 prize.

The aim of the awards is to inspire young people to take an active interest in the environment, and to raise awareness of the need for sustainable energy sources. It is run by the Young People's Trust for the Environment (YPTE) and supported by TOTAL, the fifth-largest energy company in the world.

A spokesperson reported that the children learned about different forms of alternative energy, chose sites in the school grounds for a hypothetical wind turbine and solar panels, and learned about how energy is produced from these sources.

They also looked at the school's energy efficiency, appointing monitors to check that electrical items such as lights and computers were being turned off when not in use. They tried to save water as well, installing 'hippos' in all the school toilets.

The judges were impressed by the very high standard of the entries and the huge amounts of consideration and effort that schools put in to their projects.

ABOVE:
Peter Littlewood (with teacher Leah Croke and year-3 pupils Sam and Sophie) presenting the winning certificates.

ABOVE:
Year-6 pupils Emily and Sian with Reception class pupils. Year-6 pupils produced books, written and illustrated specifically for the younger members of the school as part of Literacy Week.

ABOVE:
The ECO Committee – proudly receiving their award from Peter Littlewood for being the 'greenest' school.

ABOVE:
During National Sports Week, pupils at St David's C/W Primary School walked around the village of Colwinston with parents, grandparents and villagers. Pupils wore fluorescent tabards, bought for them by the Friends of St David's.

ABOVE:
PC Kevin Pennell, community police officer, with Ethan of the reception class – learning how policemen can help us...

ABOVE:
Pupils from reception class, with poet Francesca Kay, who visited the school recently for their annual 'Literacy Week.'

Llanhari Primary celebrates its 'positive' school report

ABOVE: Head Jeremy Phillips and some of the pupils at Llanhari Primary School, which has had a positive inspection. **(Photograph by Mandy Thomas.).**

LLANHARI Primary School has been praised by inspectors for the quality of education it offers pupils.

The report describes the leadership of the headteacher, Jeremy Phillips, as an outstanding feature.

Despite joining the school only in September, with the staff and governors, he has set out clear aims and objectives to move the school forward and improve standards.

The report says that he is ably supported by his deputy, and together they have built a team of confident and committed staff who have in a short time introduced a number of new and challenging initiatives

Standards in almost all subjects were either good or better, with the use of computers being awarded the top grade.

Inspector Glyn Scott stated that the school places strong emphasis on creating a happy, caring environment in which pupils can achieve their full potential.

The use of the outdoor environment and education in nursery and reception was also awarded a Grade One.

The governing body is said to provide strong support and the behaviour of pupils was also found to be outstanding.

An action plan will be put in place to meet key recommendations identified in the inspection.

"Staff have worked hard since the last inspection to raise standards in all subjects, with the school now doing better than the national and local averages in all core subjects," the inspector stated. We are pleased to receive such a positive report."

Governors' chairman Colin Lewis was "especially pleased that care and support together with leadership and management, were identified as two of the school's strengths."

Ogmore-by-Sea development concerns raised with council

Jane Hutt AM with concerned residents of Ogmore-by-Sea.

PROPOSALS to extend the housing development on the site of the Ogmore Education Centre in Ogmore-by-Sea, prompted Vale AM Jane Hutt to meet residents and viewed proposed access points.

A large group of residents raised their concerns about the proposals, citing traffic, noise and environmental impact, as well as the lack of facilities and amenities to support such development.

Ms Hutt said: "I met with the residents about the proposed developments on the site of the former education centre.

"I campaigned to retain the Ogmore Centre and was extremely disappointed when it closed.

"I will be raising all of my concerns about these proposals with the Vale Council's planning authority," she promised.

St David's Polo Club turns on the style

LET'S face it – the average person knows two things about polo.

First, Prince Charles is a keen participant, and second, there's that scene in *Pretty Woman* when Richard Gere shows Julia Roberts off to his rich friends.

It is fair to say that the St David's Polo Club meeting in Fonmon at the end of June did confirm the odd stereotype – particularly with regard to the posh frocks on show.

However, spectators had a chance to appreciate the horsemanship of the players – and it gave newcomers a chance to learn more about a fascinating sport.

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Other pictures are available from this event.

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South Wales turns out to help Ty Hafan

THERE can be little doubt that one of south Wales' favourite charities is Ty Hafan, and this was emphasised recently when huge crowds gathered for its annual 'Fun Day'.

About 2,000 people met on a Sunday afternoon in the Sully hospice grounds, and some took the chance to look around the chidren's hospice to view the facilities, and speak to the staff who make Ty Hafan special.

South Wales Police were there to show off two of their magnificent horses, together with some of their superbly trained dogs.

Children had the chance to sit in a real fire engine and, for enthusiasts of all ages, there was a fantastic array of vintage cars and Gold Wing motorbikes, as well as a Formula One racing car.

A Ty Hafan spokesman, said: "The event has been building over the last three years, and this year was most definitely the best yet!

"We would like to thank everyone who came along to support us, as well as all the performers, display acts and stall holders who all gave their time for free to help us raise money.

"All proceeds from the day will go towards helping the life-limited children young people and their families from across Wales who use Ty Hafan for comfort, care and support," he added.

For more information about Ty Hafan, please visit www.tyhafan.org

ABOVE:
A friendly Imperial Stormtrooper.

ABOVE:
There were karate demonstrations.

RIGHT:
Everyone loves dressing up in uniform!

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Welsh Ministers propose to make an Order under Section 247 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to authorise the stopping up of the area of highway described in Schedule 1 to this Notice.

If the Order is made, the stopping up will be authorised only in order to enable the development described in Schedule 2 of this Notice to be carried out. The Order will cease to have effect if the planning permission expires or is revoked.

During the 28 days from 09 July 2009, copies of the Order and the deposited map may be inspected free of charge at Ynysawdre Swimming Pool and Fitness Centre, Heol-yr-Ysgol, Ynysawdre from 07:30am to 10:00pm or may be obtained free of charge from the address below quoting the Welsh Assembly Government reference C2510-5-11-qA781831.

Within the above mentioned period of 28 days, any person may, by notice to the Welsh Assembly Government, Transport Planning and Governance Division, Orders Branch, Cathays Park, Cardiff CF10 3NQ (quoting reference C2510-5-11-qA781831), object to the making of the Order. Should you wish to object, support or make representations, we may need to consult with people and organisations outside of the Welsh Assembly Government. As part of the process of consulting with others, the information you have given us and your personal data will be passed to the applicant/ developer and on occasion the local highway authority to enable them to respond to you. We will however, only disclose your personal details where it is necessary to do so to enable us to deal with issues you have brought to our attention. Where a stopping up Order becomes the subject of a Public Inquiry (PI), all correspondence is copied to the Inspector of the Inquiry and is kept in the PI Library when it is publicly available.

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M D BURNELL
Transport Planning and Governance Division

SCHEDULES
SCHEDULE 1

(All measurements are approximate)

Description of the area of highway to be stopped up under this Order at the Rear of St Andrew's Road, Wildmill, Bridgend.

A rectangular area of highway, to the rear of 10 St Andrew's Road, Wildmill, Bridgend, measuring 6.7 metres in length by 2.7 metres in width, with a total area of 18.09 square metres, shown in zebra hatching on the deposited map. The area to be stopped up is in St David's Close, a cul-de-sac at the rear of St Andrew's Road.

SCHEDULE 2

Proposed Development.

The demolition of the existing rear boundary wall and rebuilding of the same to include a grassed area measuring 6.7 metres in length by 2.7 metres in width in order to provide a safe playing area in accordance with planning permission granted by the Council on 24 February 2009 under reference P/08/976/FUL.

A COPY OF THIS NOTICE IN LARGER PRINT CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE WELSH ASSEMBLY GOVERNMENT, TRANSPORT PLANNING AND GOVERNANCE DIVISION, ORDERS BRANCH, CATHAYS PARK, CARDIFF CF10 3NQ.

Situations Vacant

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Derek Wolfe, Executive Officer and Clerk to the Custodian Trustee, Barry Town Council, 7 Gladstone Road, Barry, CF62 8NA or e-mail derekwolfe@barrytowncouncil.gov.uk or telephone 01446 738663 during office hours.

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Family Notices

VAUDIN
Michael James

Peacefully on the 28th June, 2009 at the Princess of Wales Hospital, Michael of Llantwit Major. Dearly loved husband of the late Margaret and much loved father of Mark and Christopher. Funeral service on Monday, 13th July, 2009 at Coychurch Crematorium at 10.30 am. Family flowers only, but donations, if desired, may be made to the Salvation Army or Parkinsons Disease Society c/o W A Brown and Son, College Street, Llantwit Major. Tel. 01446 792489

MILLS, Laney

On June the 30th after a long illness, Laney of Llantwit major, the beloved wife of Stuart and devoted mother to Louise and Jane, mother in law to Barry and special Nanny to Kate. Funeral service on Thursday, 9th July in St Illtud's Church, Llantwit Major at 2.00 pm. Grateful thanks to the Haematology Dept at Llandough Hospital.

IAN BARRETT

The family of the late Ian Barrett would like to thank everyone for their help and support during Ian's illness. They would also like to express their thanks for all the kind messages following their recent loss.

WHITEHOUSE
Margaret

On Saturday July 4, Margaret, wife of John, mother of Thomas and Sarah and grandmother of Holly and William died peacefully.

Service at Holy Cross Church, Cowbridge on Tuesday July 14 at 1.45pm, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only. Donations if wished to The Stroke Association.

Public Notices

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THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL (BARRY ROAD (PART) AND ROBINS LANE (PART) BARRY) (ROAD CLOSURE) (TEMPORARY) ORDER 2009

The Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended), and of all other enabling powers intends in not less than seven days from the date of this Notice to make an Order the general effect of which is as described in the schedules below: -

SCHEDULE 1

1. No person shall cause or permit a motor vehicle to proceed in the location specified in Schedule 2 below.

SCHEDULE 2

Location The area of Barry Road to be closed is from its eastern side of its junction with Fairford Street (adjacent to number 32 Barry Road) in a north easterly direction to its eastern side of its junction with Robins Lane (adjacent to number 22 Barry Road).

The area of Robins Lane to be closed is from its junction with Barry Road for a distance of 10 metres in a northerly direction

In addition the One Way Order known as **'The South Glamorgan County Council (Robins Lane Barry) (One Way Traffic) Order 1992'** shall be suspended for the duration of this order.

Reason To allow for essential sewer works to be undertaken throughout this section of highway and for associated work.

Duration From 06:00Hrs on Monday 27th July 2009, for a maximum period of 18 months, though it is anticipated that the works will be completed by 8th September 2009

Alt. Route ***Barry Road*** Diversion for northeast bound traffic will be via Barry Road, Llewellyn Street, and along Court Road back to its junction with Barry Road.
Diversions for southwest bound traffic will be via Court Road, Lee Road and Barry Road.

Robins Lane A signed diversion via Barry Road and Main Street will be in operation during the closure of Robins Lane.

NB: Pedestrian access will be permitted at all times.

Dated this 9th day of July 2009.

M. Punter,
Head of Visible Services
Vale of Glamorgan Council,
The Alps, Wenvoe. CF5 6AA.

CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG GORCHYMYN CAU FFORDD DROS DRO 2009 AR GYFER RHANNAU O BARRY ROAD A ROBINS LANE

Mae Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, gan arfer ei bwerau o dan Adran 14(1) Deddf Rheoli Traffig 1984 (ddiwygiedig) a phob p_er galluogi arall yn bwriadu gwneud gorchymyn ymhen o leiaf saith niwrnod ar ôl dyddiad yr Hysbysiad hwn i'r dibenion sydd wedi'u nodi yn yr atodlenni isod: -

ATODLEN 1

1. Ni fydd hawl i neb yrru na chaniatáu i neb arall yrru cerbyd yn yr ardal a nodwyd yn Atodlen 2 isod.

ATODLEN 2

Lleoliad Bydd ochr ddwyreiniol Barry Road rhwng y gyffordd â Fairford Street (wrth ymyl 32 Barry Road) a'r gyffordd â Robins Lane (wrth ymyl 22 Barry Road) ar gau i draffig sy'n teithio i gyfeiriad y gogledd-ddwyrain.

Bydd Robins Lane ar gau am 10 medr o'r gyffordd â Barry Road i draffig sy'n teithio i gyfeiriad y gogledd

Ni fydd **Gorchymyn Traffig Unffordd Cyngor Sir De Morgannwg 1992 ar gyfer Robins Lane, y Barri'n** cael ei weithredu chwaith, tra bod y gorchymyn presennol mewn grym.

Rheswm Cwblhau gwaith angenrheidiol ar garthffosydd ac unrhyw waith sy'n gysylltiedig â hynny, ar hyd y darn hwnnw o briffordd.

Cyfnod O ddydd Llun 27 Gorffennaf (06.00) ymlaen am gyfnod o 18 mis ar y mwyaf, er bod disgwyl i'r gwaith ei hun ddod i ben erbyn 8 Medi 2009.

Llwybr arall ***Barry Road*** Caiff traffig sy'n teithio i'r gogledd-ddwyrain ei ddar gyfeirio ar hyd Barry Road, Llewellyn Street, a Court Road ac yn ôl i'r gyffordd â Barry Road.
Caiff traffig sy'n teithio i'r de-orllewin ei ddargyfeirio ar hyd Court Road, Lee Road a Barry Road.

Robins Lane Caiff traffig ei ddargyfeirio ar hyd Barry Road a Main Street tra bod Robins Lane ar gau a bydd arwyddion i nodi hynny.

DS: Bydd mynediad i gerddwyr ar hyd yr amser.

Dyddiedig 9 Gorffennaf 2009.

M. Punter,
Pennaeth Gwasanaethau Gweladwy
Cyngor Bro Morgannwg,
Canolfan yr Alpau, Gwenfô. CF5 6AA.

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL (BARRY WEST END) (PROHIBITION OF ACCESS) (ALLEYGATING – PHASE 11) ORDER 2009

1. On the 26th June 2009, The Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under Sections 1 & 2 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended) and of all other enabling powers made an Order the general effect of which is as described below.

2. The Order will come into operation on the 13th July 2009 or on the date that each Alleygate is installed and a copy of the Order and plans showing the affected area may be seen at the address shown below during normal office hours.

3. If you wish to question the validity of the Order or any provisions contained therein on the grounds that they are not within the powers conferred by the above Act or on the grounds that any requirement of the same or that any instrument made under it has not been complied with in relation to the Order, you may within six weeks from the 13th July 2009 apply to the High Court for this purpose.

4. Except as provided by the Order:-

No person shall cause or permit any vehicle to proceed, at any time, along the service lanes specified in the schedule below.

5. No person shall proceed on foot or pedal cycle, at any time, along the service lanes specified in the schedule below.

SCHEDULE

Rear Lane from 62 (side elevation) to 85 Clive Road Barry
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Rear Lane from 1 to 22 Clive Road,
Rear Lane from 3 Ivor Street to 3 Phyllis Street
Rear Lane from 5 Triangle House to 19 Plymouth Road,
Rear Lane from 53 Phyllis Street to 10 Ivor Street
Rear Lane from 1 to 4 Fryatt Street,
Rear Lane 29 to 34 Fryatt Street ,
Rear Lane from 1 to 41 Gaen Street
Rear Lane from 39 to 42 Park Crescent,
Rear Lane from 31 to 38 Park Crescent,
Rear Lane from 1 to 51 Kathleen Street,
Rear Lane from 25 to 28 Park Crescent,
Rear Lane from 76 to 88 Salisbury Road,
Rear Lane from 18 to 24 Park Crescent,
Rear Lane from 12 to 17 Park Crescent,
Rear Lane from 66 to 74 Salisbury Road,
Rear Lane from 4 to 11 Park Crescent.
Rear Lane from 46 to 60 Salisbury Road,
Rear Lane from 28 to 44 Salisbury Road,
Rear Lane from 21 to 47 Dunraven Street,
Rear Lane from 8 to 28 Porthkerry Road,
Rear Lane from 50 Romilly Road (side elevation) to 21 Porthkerry Road
Rear Lane from 1 to 23 (side elevation) Windsor Road,
Rear Lane from 53 to 61 Trinity Street,
Rear Lane from 28 Wenvoe Terrace to its junction with Trinity Street,
Rear Lane from 32 to 50 Trinity Street,
Rear Lane from 4 to 26 Trinity Street
Rear Lane from 5 Riverside Place (side elevation) to 17 Gwenllian Street
Rear Lane from 24 to 37 Harbour Road,
Rear Lane from 3 to 21 Canon Street,
Rear Lane from 38 to 44 Harbour Road,
Rear Lane from 1 to 19 Welford Street,
Rear Lane from 37 St Nicholas Road to 23 Canon Street,
Rear Lane from 161 to 163 Holton Road

UNADOPTED LANES

Rear Lane from 261 (side elevation) to 219 Barry Road
Rear Lane from 25 to 31 Robins Lane
Steps adjacent 10 St Aiden's Rise (side elevation) to garages end of Mendip View
Rear Lane from 21 to 29 Cardiff Road Barry
Rear Lane from 2 to 18 Arthur Street

Dated this 9th day of July 2009

M. Punter
Head of Visible Services
Vale of Glamorgan Council
The Alps, Wenvoe CF5 6AA

GORCHYMYN (GWAHARDD MYNEDIAD) CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG 2009 (GATIAU PEN LÔN – CAM 11) (PEN GORLLEWINOL Y BARRI)

1. Ar 26 Mehefin 2009, roedd Cyngor Bro Morgannwg drwy arfer ei bwerau o dan adrannau 1 a 2 Deddf Rheoli Traffig 1984 (ddiwygiedig) a phob p_er galluogi arall wedi gwneud Gorchymyn i'r dibenion cyffredinol isod.

2. Daw'r Gorchymyn hwn i rym ar 13 Gorffennaf 2009 neu ar ddyddiad sefydlu pob Gât Ben Lôn, a chewch weld copi o'r Gorchymyn a'r cynlluniau ar gyfer yr ardal dan sylw yn ystod oriau arferol swyddfa yn y cyfeiriad sydd wedi'i nodi.

3. Os hoffech ddadlau'n erbyn dilysrwydd y Gorchymyn neu'i ddarpariaethau am na chredwch fod gan y ddeddf uchod b_er i'w gweithredu, neu am y tybiwch eu bod yn methu â chydymffurfio â gofynion y ddeddf uchod neu un o'i hofferynnau, bydd gennych chwe wythnos o 13 Gorffennaf 2009 i wneud cais i'r Uchel Lys i'r diben hwnnw.

4. Onibai i'r Gorchymyn ddarparu'n wahanol:-

Ni fydd hawl i neb yrru na chaniatáu i neb arall yrru cerbyd ar unrhyw adeg ar hyd y lonydd a nodwyd yn yr atodlen isod.

5. Ni fydd hawl i neb gerdded na seiclo ar unrhyw adeg ar hyd y lonydd a nodwyd yn yr atodlen isod.

ATODLEN

Y lôn gefn o 62 (ochr yr adeilad) i 85 Clive Road y Barri
Y lôn gefn o 24 i 61 Clive Road,
Y lôn gefn o 1 i 22 Clive Road,
Y lôn gefn o 3 Ivor Street i 3 Phyllis Street
Y lôn gefn o 5 Triangle House i 19 Plymouth Road,
Y lôn gefn o 53 Phyllis Street i 10 Ivor Street
Y lôn gefn o 1 i 4 Fryatt Street,
Y lôn gefn o 29 i 34 Fryatt Street,
Y lôn gefn o 1 i 41 Gaen Street
Y lôn gefn o 39 i 42 Park Crescent,
Y lôn gefn o 31 i 38 Park Crescent,
Y lôn gefn o 1 i 51 Kathleen Street,
Y lôn gefn o 25 i 28 Park Crescent,
Y lôn gefn o 76 i 88 Salisbury Road,
Y lôn gefn o 18 i 24 Park Crescent,
Y lôn gefn o 12 i 17 Park Crescent,
Y lôn gefn o 66 i 74 Salisbury Road,
Y lôn gefn o 4 i 11 Park Crescent.
Y lôn gefn o 46 i 60 Salisbury Road,
Y lôn gefn o 28 i 44 Salisbury Road,
Y lôn gefn o 21 i 47 Dunraven Street,
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Y lôn gefn o 50 Romilly Road (ochr yr adeilad) i 21 Porthkerry Road
Y lôn gefn o 1 i 23 Windsor Road (ochr yr adeilad),
Y lôn gefn o 53 i 61 Trinity Street,
Y lôn gefn o 28 Wenvoe Terrace i'r gyffordd â Trinity Street,
Y lôn gefn o 32 i 50 Trinity Street,
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Y lôn gefn o 1 i 19 Welford Street,
Y lôn gefn o 37 St Nicholas Road i 23 Canon Street,
Y lôn gefn o 161 i 163 Holton Road

LONYDD HEB EU MABWYSIADU

Y lôn gefn o 261 (ochr yr adeilad) i 219 Barry Road
Y lôn gefn o 25 i 31 Robins Lane
Y grisiau cyfagos i 10 St Aiden's Rise (ochr yr adeilad) i'r pen o Mendip View lle mae'r modurdai
Y lôn gefn o 21 i 29 Cardiff Road y Barri
Y lôn gefn o 2 i 18 Arthur Street

Dyddiedig 9 Gorffennaf 2009

M. Punter
Pennaeth Gwasanaethau Gweladwy
Cyngor Bro Morgannwg
Canolfan yr Alpau, Gwenfô CF5 6AA

Romilly suffer at hands of Caerphilly

BARRY Romilly Bowling Club travelled to Caerphilly Town Bowling Club for their first division match.

It was played during heavy rain showers and hot sunny periods, against a team of distinction and a class act for sure. They were able to field a gaggle of international players and overwhelm Romilly to collect the full points on offer.

Howard Jones' rink of R Hewitson, C Collins and J Jones had the best result on the day, despite being 6-18 down after 11 ends.

However, the team held firm and rallied well by allowing their opponents to win just three more ends and four shots, while Romilly went on to gain 14 more shots and a narrow loss of 20-22.

Tony Freeman's rink of R Cowling, W Hewitt and R Harkus put up a good fight against a very strong Caerphilly rink led by skip Mark Wyatt, he with high international credentials.

Although Romilly scored on 11 of the 21 ends the visitors reduced the scoring to mostly single shots and went on to win the rink 15-23, despite the Romilly 3rd producing a couple of sniffler shots towards the end.

Brian Foscolo's rink of M Newman, D Bannister and M Gershenson drew the short straw and were up against the Caerphilly Welsh International M Selway's rink.

The Romilly skip was pleased with his team's efforts and praised the opponents for their take-out shots and winning the rink 10-19.

Dave Wright's rink of A Bryan, C Geen and G Cogbill were overwhelmed on this rink by a very strong Caerphilly team, once again skipped by a Welsh international I. Henderson and his slick team, who virtually locked out the Romilly boys to win the rink 12-37.

RH

Romilly A in impressive win

BARRY Romilly Bowls Club 'A' side entertained Birchgrove Bowling Club for their division six match on a hot and showery Saturday afternoon.

The Romilly green was in good nick but unfortunately the Birchgrove team arrived with two players short and had to play with a weakened team.

Bob Wyatt's rink of B Cheal, C Davies and K Clements were the big scorers on the day who all played their part well for an impressive winning score of 41-6.

Alf Woodcock's rink of A Bumford, D Ford and G Rees also had a good game and scored heavily on the way to a 31-7 win.

Bryn Gough's rink of P Hoad, A Burge and P Gershenson had a solid game, led from start to finish and had a 27-9 win.

Vince McFarland's rink of A Jones, G Eastment and G Whittaker also had a strong game including a seven on the 17th and went on to a winning score of 30-14.

RH

Abandonment angers trainer

WORCESTER races had to be abandoned on July 1 after just one race – won by Aberthin trainer Tim Vaughan, who saddled *Trevian* to win the Conditional Jockeys Novices Handicap Hurdle.

The abandonment was caused by a water shortage at the track, which is situated near the River Severn.

Highland Laddie, who ran in the opener, collapsed with heat exhaustion and the vast amount of water needed to revive him left supplies short.

So, in the interests of equine welfare, the rest of the meeting was abandoned.

However, Vaughan's delight over *Trevian's* win soon turned to anger when he heard the news that the rest of the meeting was to be abandoned.

He fumed: "It's unbelievable. It would have only taken 20 minutes to hire a pump and get water from the River Severn which could have saved the day. Why didn't they have enough bowsers. It's just a waste of everyone's time."

Trevian, a 9-2 chance, was ridden by Cowbridge's Deano Coleman and won by six lengths from *Hareem* with the distressed *Highland Laddie* a further six lengths away in third place.

Llancarfan's Evan Williams was successful at Stratford with *Takelli* who, under Donal Fahy, had one-and-a-half lengths to spare over the favourite *Graysland*.

BRIAN LEE

NEWS FROM THE THOMAS CARROLL MIDWEEK CRICKET LEAGUE

Barry Internationals aim to hang on to their title

REIGNING champions Barry Internationals are in no mood to relinquish their title after two crushing wins recently.

Against Dinas Powys, Internationals scored 183 for 9, with Saleh (65) and Veruna (69) adding 142 for the opening wicket. J Smith did his best to stem the flow of runs, returning 3 for 20.

When Dinas batted, only Dani Zaman offered any resistance with 31 as Veruna completed a fine day with season's best figures of 5 for 5 as Dinas slumped to 73 all out.

Next on the list were Tynewydd Inn Stroller,s whose under-strength team felt the full force of the Internationals batting power.

In scoring 205 for 2, the Internationals posted the highest team score of the season. Saleh (91 not out) completed a third 50 of the season, while new signing Abid smashed a rapid 49.

Only Steve Oram (23) and Dave Goodway (22) prevented the Internationals from an even bigger win as the Strollers were bowled out for 79, Masqood returning 3 for 9.

Pentyrch, if they can rearrange, play and win their games in hand, will also pose a threat to Lisvane's title aspirations.

In the north Cardiff derby, they defeated Creigiau by five wickets.

Batting first, Creigiau scored a decent 138 for 5 with Martin Powell scoring 48. D Dobson returned 2 for 16 for Pentyrch.

Led once again by Dan Coomber with an unbeaten 63, the visitors made it home with five balls to spare.

Leaders Lisvane travelled to Fontygary and won by 35 runs. Stan Whitcombe (41) and Greg Edwards led the way in a total of 144 for 9, while N Jones' efforts with the ball brought him the splendid figures of 4 for 24.

Jones also top-scored for Fonty with 18 as their reply ended on 109 for 8, with Rob Bowen returning 2 for 14 and Luke Jones 2 for 22.

Lastly to Cogan where an excellent game, played on a hot and humid evening, was thoroughly enjoyed by Cavaliers and Chiefs alike.

Cogan won the toss and batted, scoring 149 for 6 with Huw Smith scoring 44 and Ross Toshack 45.

The Cavaliers efforts proved to be in vain as shrewd Cogan field placement stopped the boundaries. Cogan took some excellent catches and their fielding meant that the Cavs batsmen were having to run a lot of ones and twos in tiring conditions.

Skipper Lee Williams' effort was the outstanding pick of the catches, the portly skipper responded to a hard flashing drive through mid-off by backpedalling and leaping like the proverbial salmon to pouch the catch!

Jonathan Cheal (24), Neal Pritchard, Mark Bush and Rhys Davies did their best but it wasn't quite good enough as Cogan ran out winners by 39 runs.

Cogan's best bowlers were Andrew Charles (3 for 24) and Geraint Evans (3 for 20).

No results were reported for the matches involving Dinas Powys and Barry Wanderers or Barry Athletic and West End. **JM**

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Dad and son's £1,200 boost for Marie Curie

FATHER and son Gareth and Mike Dudridge of Barry, have given a £1,200 boost to the Marie Curie Hospice, Penarth.

Gareth, who has been a member of the Beehive Lodge in Cardiff for 10 years, held a ladies festival and Burns Night in January to raise money for local charities.

His wife Janet was nursed at the hospice in 2007 before sadly passing away. Since then, both father and son have been dedicated supporters of the charity.

The event in Barry Masonic Hall was attended by 100 local people with a raffle and a silent auction, including a prize of a 10-day holiday to Barbados.

ABOVE:
Father and son Gareth and Mike Dudridge present the cheque.

THE OLD RACECARD THAT BROUGHT BACK HAPPY COWBRIDGE MEMORIES

ON AND OFF THE TURF with Brian Lee

MY thanks go to a Glamorgan GEM reader, Mr Michael Clay, who kindly left a number of old point-to-point racecards for me at the Eastgate office, and they certainly brought back some happy memories.

Memories of more than 50 years ago when I used to catch the bus from Cardiff to Cowbridge with my uncle Philip and walk over the fields to the slopes of Penllyne Castle, where the Llangeinor, Glamorgan and Pentyrch hunts held their annual races over the old Cowbridge National Hunt racecourse.

I have before me now the racecard for the Llangeinor meeting held on April 19, 1952, and some of the horses' names are music – in this case – to my eyes.

Mr RB Williams's *Sylvester 11*, Mr J Thomas's *Cottage Call*, Mrs BE Jones's *Spurn Head*, Mr R Thomas' s *Drake 11*, Mr J H Clay's *Steal Away* and Mr CR Harris's *Sally-On*.

These were the days when a brand new Austin A40 Somerset – according to the racecard – would have set you back £467, plus £260.18.11 purchase tax.

Standing at home at AD Thomas's Grange Stud Farm, Duffryn, Neath – so the racecard informs us – was *The Admiral* (1944) whose sire *Blue Peter* was the winner of £31,964, including the Derby, 2,000 Guineas and Eclipse.

The dam *Rose In The Valley*, we learn, was: "A good winner and dam of winners."

This was the first year the old Penllyn racecourse was used for point-to-points and the change of venue met with the instant approval of owners, riders, trainers and the public alike.

In the men's open race, Pembrokeshire's Fred Mathias, riding his father Ivor's eight-year-old chesnut gelding, *Gaelthaght 11*, scored a 10-length win over Castleton's Bill Jones, who was riding his wife's *Spurn Head*. Bill, who was something of a legend in hunt-racing circles, had his revenge over the same course a fortnight later, when contesting the Welsh Hunters' Cup at the Glamorgan, he and *Spurn Head* came home two lengths clear of Fred's mount *Lydstep Haven*.

There were seven entries for the members' race and these were TM Leyshon's *Gwyn's Pal*, TJ Butler's *Merry Lass*, Lewis Jones's *Sunrise*, R Fairfox's *Compact*, Glan Jones's *Squirrel* and Dil Thomas's *Ray Star* and *Kim*. I wonder what won it?

The Totalisator operated by RBC Board was in operation with units of 20s,10s and 10p units win only. No doubt there were plenty of bookmakers at the meeting too!

The stewards were CC Llewellyn Williams, RGM Street MFH, Capt HCL Homfray MFH and G Lewis Harris MFH. Dan Thomas was the secretary and RA David the Clerk of the Course.

My race reporting career began at Penllyn in 1967 and I only wish I had kept all those reports of mine that had appeared in the *Horse and Hound* and *The Sporting Life* and other local papers.

More racecard memories soon, and if you have any photographs that would help to illustrate them I would love to hear from you.

Cowbridge race track in 1922.

Llantwit A put Murch bowlers to the sword

LLANTWIT A were at home last Saturday to Murch for the sixth division league match.

On captain Keith Alexander's rink, WP Jones, M Mason and J Roberts made steady progress throughout the game, never allowing Murch to take the lead, although they did manage to pick up three shots on the last end. It was too little, too late, and Llantwit won by five shots.

A similar situation prevailed on Arthur Harvey's rink. Although lead Wilf Evans had a poor game, Mike Adams, Phil Clarke and Arthur played well, never letting Murch in, and they won by seven shots.

Mike Williams's rink had a really tough game, dropping five shots on the first end but they stuck to the task and after 12 ends, the score was 14 across the board.

However, on the last end, Murch snatched two shots to win a hard fought game.

The jewel in the crown was Eric Hacker's rink of Fred Pike, Roy Harding and Eric Sparkes who produced a scintillating display, to which Murch had no answer.

They were absolutely swamped – the score 28-8.

Rink scores: K Alexander 18-13; A Harvey 17-10; M Williams 22-24; E Hacker 28.

Total score: 85-55.

Bridgend trainer Delyth nets Hereford victory

DELYTH THOMAS'S *Noble Athlete*, who started an odds-on favourite after winning at Ffos Las Racecourse recently, landed the Purebred Arabian Brightwells Sales Stakes over nine furlongs at Hereford last Saturday, under top amateur rider Simon Walker.

The seven-year-old bay gelding scored by half-a-length from the second favourite *Estival* to record his sixth win since joining Delyth's Bridgend yard as a three-year-old.

Well-known local point-to-point rider David Prichard (17) riding *Dancing Grace*, who had also been successful at Ffos Las, won The Penn Challenge Open Handicap by two lengths from *Trouble Maker*.

Dancing Grace, one of three 3-1 co-favourites, is owned and trained by Lampeter's Jenny Peyton, who has been involved in the sport of Arabian horse racing for more than 20 years.

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Who wants to build what and where in the Vale

Mr Brian Garland, **117 Main Street, Barry** – rear dormer roof extension.

Mrs Suzanne Hazell, **4 Archer Road, Penarth** – removal of Lawson Cypress tree.

Mr Mervyn Greenwood, **Wayside Cottage, Dyffryn** – conversion of building into dormer bungalows.

Mr Paul Antoniazzi, **2 Stanton Way, Penarth** – demolition of a detached single garage/outbuilding, the erection of a two-storey rear extension (complete with associated alteration works to the main dwelling) and the construction of a new detached single garage/outbuilding, drive and vehicular crossover.

Mr Price, **The Stables, Castleland Street, Barry** – convert existing dwelling to eight offices, meeting room and café/tea-room.

Mr Azher Shareef, **Cambria House, Penarth Road, Cardiff** – one free-standing sign to be erected on grass verge off Penarth Road at front of property.

Mr and Mrs Graham and Jennifer Hayward, **Great House Farm, Treoes** – two detached dwellings (plots 1 and 2) at end.

Mr Edward Pugsley, **9 Bradenham Place, Penarth** – demolition of two existing outbuildings and construction of Coach House dwelling (two bedrooms), on land to rear of 9 Bradenham Place. Change of use of existing offices at ground and first floor level at 9 Bradenham Place to three apartments and associated internal and external alterations. Widening of existing crossover from Hickman Road.

Mr Driscoll, **1 Hawthorn Close, Dinas Powys** – fell Oak at side of house, crown lift Oak rear garden and remove dead wood.

The Old Rectory, Llantrithyd – reduce Eucalyptus crown by 2m approximately.

Mr Mark Taylor, **13 Marien Parade, Penarth** – extend existing conservatory, insert two sets of doors, demolish walls inside kitchen, demolish walls between kitchen/conservatory.

Mr A Bluck, **Sunshine House, Southerndown** – install additional dormer windows to create four to front elevation.

Arquiva Limited, **Transmitting Station, St Lythans Down, Wenvoe** – installation of 11 heat exchange units with associated ice protection within two fenced compounds for the digital television switch over.

Mr Peter Hybart, **3 Woodford House, Colhugh Street, Llantwit Major** – alterations to existing garage.

Mr Martyn Williams, **Brooklands Cottage, Methodist Lane, Llantwit Major** – fell five elms, one leylandi and three poplars.

Louise and Steve Slimings, **Bramble Cottage, 1 Boverton Park, Llantwit Major** – remove approximately 1/3rd of the tree height of a Sycamore.

Mr A Leggie, **The Stables, Porthkerry, Nr Rhoose** – two storey rear extension.

Mr Neil James, **4 Fouracres Close, Barry** – single storey extension, providing bedroom, shower room and utility.

Mr David Hoskins, **2 Readers Way, Rhoose** – demolition and rebuild of double garage, erection of two storey extension (in place of garage) with disabled amenity.

Mr Mark Hood, **plot off Heol y Cawl Lane, Corntown** – detached dwelling house.

Mrs D Burlington, **barn adjacent to Franklen House, Llysworney** – alterations to barn for use as a separate dwelling.

Mr David Maher, **19 Afal Sur, Pencoedtre Village, Barry** – amendment to previous application to increase the height of garage roof.

Mr Keade, **Fontygary Inn, Fonmon Road, Rhoose** – new sign – Touring Park.

Dr Richard Davies, **25b Archer Road, Penarth** – replacement of front elevation; insertion of Velux roof window; replacement of rear elevation second floor window.

Mr Dion Browne, **10a Church Road, Penarth** – replace existing windows and replace existing concrete front step/hard surface.

Mr Dennis Palmer, **Northcliff Farm, Duffryn, St Nicholas** – use of barn for equine purposes.

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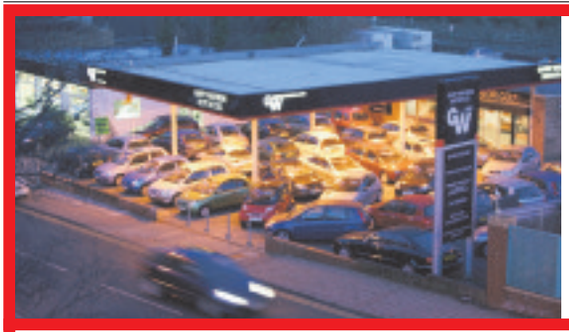

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British Lions' tour has clear lessons for world rugby...

LET PUNISHMENT FIT THE CRIME!

BACK PAGE COMMENT by Don John

AS the smouldering heat engendered by an explosive, ill-natured and ultimately frustrating British and Irish Lions tour slowly subsides, the history books will record a 2-1 Test series defeat at the hands of the southern hemisphere world champions.

For the jubilant South African camp, of course, that unarguable fact is really all that matters. Their revenge mission (after the indignity of the previous series loss to the Lions 12 years ago) had been accomplished – though far from being the one-sided triumphant march many had predicted long before the tourists left home soil.

However, for the British and Irish tourists, stark statistics do not tell the full story of a controversy-ridden, often acrimonious 10-match tour in which they garnered an impressive total of 309 points, compared to the various opposition's 169 – and lost just two fixtures by the closest of tight margins.

Unfortunately, they were the two that mattered – the Lions going down by 26-21 in the first Test at Durban and 28-25 at Loftus Versfeld in the second Test.

Alas, last Saturday's stirring 28-9 third Test win in the very heartland of South African rugby, formidable Ellis Park, came too late to make any difference to the final outcome of the 2009 series.

The injury-ravaged Lions may have scored more points overall in the three Tests (74 compared to the Springboks' 63) but they had already been KO'd in round two, so were concerned only to prevent a humiliating historic whitewash in Johannesburg.

The day a patched-together Lions team shut out the world champions and salvaged battered pride in some style, with three unanswered tries (two by born-again virtuoso Shane Williams, and one by his wing partner, the rehabilitated Ugo Monye) will no doubt go into Lions' folklore.

For Ian McGeechan and his fellow coaches, though, that is small consolation, for they know full well that their squad was capable of achieving so much more – and that each of the Tests provided ample opportunities, some courtesy of Springbok over-confidence, to reverse the series result.

For example, in the second half at Durban after poor Phil Vickery was 'Beasted' up front, the South Africans suddenly made wholesale changes and very nearly paid the price, outscored by three tries to one and clinging on desperately at the end.

In the second Test on the high veldt, the stunned world champions again appeared to be visibly wilting, rescued in the second half only by uncontested scrums, after the devastating loss of the two Lions' props and centres, and a last second, long-range penalty kick to snatch the series out of the air.

On Saturday, the Springbok head coach again demonstrated his naivity (or was it misplaced over-confidence?) with 10 changes, presumably in the belief that the decimated Lions were now ripe for the whitewash.

If so, he was sadly mistaken, with the influential Stephen Jones, who ran Jamie Roberts close as the Lions' man of the series, again masterminding an heroic team display (in which this time Vickery was prominent for all the right reasons) and South Africa were limited to just three penalty kicks.

As Geech and Co reflect on what might have been, they are honest enough to admit that a difficult needle tour, marked by some inconsistent refereeing and ill luck with injuries to key personnel, was not helped by the Lions' own shortcomings at crucial times on the field, and also certain selection decisions that, with hindsight, did not work.

However, an overwhelming lesson to be learned from this fractious tour is that rules on the correct use of red (and yellow) cards, *together with more meaningful punishment for offenders*, must be standardised and rigidly enforced in both hemispheres, to prevent the image of rugby being further tarnished by the kind of scenes witnessed in the second test by a global audience of millions.

If not, players will continue to be put dangerously at risk of serious injury. IRB please note!

More misery for rugby league team

Celtic Crusaders rue their disallowed 'tries'

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by IAN GOLDEN at Brewery Field

WARRINGTON WOLVES cruised to a 22-6 win over Celtic Crusaders at the Brewery Field on Saturday evening but it was only in the second half that the visitors broke away after the Crusaders had two tries disallowed.

Warrington, still without former Wales skipper Lee Briers, fielded an unchanged 17 from the side who beat Hull FC 24-12 last week. Marshall Chalk made a welcome return to the Crusaders line up following his two month lay-off with a broken jaw. He slotted in at full-back, replacing Damien Quinn who had pulled out with suspected tonsillitis. Luke Dyer and Chris Beasley were also back after injuries.

The visitors opened the scoring when hesitation in the Crusaders backline allowed Jon Clarke to pick up Michael Monaghan's high lob and have a clear run to the line. Hicks kicked the tricky conversion.

The contest had been quite even until that point so it was no surprise that the Crusaders attempted a comeback. It took some strong defending to pull Steve Tyrer into touch as he was close to the line. The reserve team top scorer tried to battle his way through after being set up by Mark Lennon.

Tyrer was unlucky again minutes later after having a try ruled out by the touch judge for a suspected knock-on. Jace Van Dijk, Marshall Chalk and Lennon were instrumental in the build-up.

At the other end, Louis Anderson also had a try disallowed after receiving a forward pass while the unfortunate Tyrer spilled the ball while under pressure as Crusaders were close to the line for another time.

Van Dijk also had a chip picked up by Chris Bridge who outran Chalk to the ball and just before the half-time hooter, Tyrer did well to deny Chris Hicks a try as he kicked the ball into touch while the away side's winger was diving in.

A Peter Lupton interception prevented a certain early second half Warrington try and from the resulting attack, Crusaders were unlucky not to score once again.

Ben Flower created and finished the chance with Jason Chan and Lincoln Withers also lending a helping hand but Flower was pulled back for a forward pass.

However, there was no problem with Ben Harrison's try on 52 minutes for Warrington, a quick fire score with Monaghan the creator once again. Hicks converted.

Suddenly Warrington were lifted. Five minutes later Chris Bridge opened up a gap for Richie Mathers who ran unchallenged to the line. Hicks had no problem making the score 18-0.

Five minutes later, Mathers raced over for his second and Wolves fourth after being slipped the ball by Matt King. Hicks' conversion hit the post.

Crusaders did manage a consolation try three minutes from time when Luke Dyer stormed over in the corner. Lennon kicked the conversion.

On a final note, it was great to see the supporters club section back in the grandstand. While Crusaders fans normally out-shout all opposition fans anyway, the echoes through the stand lifted the noise around the ground.

Crusaders: Marshall Chalk; Luke Dyer, Steve Tyrer, Mark Dalle Cort, Anthony Blackwood; Mark Lennon, Jace Van Dijk; Ryan O'Hara, Lincoln Withers, Mark Bryant, Jordan James, Chris Beasley, Peter Lupton. Subs: Ben Flower, Jason Chan, Neil Budworth, Geraint Davies.

Crusaders have got talent!

GEORGE SAMPSON, the winner of Britain's Got Talent in 2008, will be performing live at the Brewery Field on Saturday, July 11, when Celtic Crusaders take on Salford City Reds (kick-off 6pm).

He will perform before the game and at half-time.

Joining George on stage will be pupils from local schools and four local dance groups.

More than 60 children will be dancing on the day, while 20 local families will get to meet him after winning competitions in local newspapers and radio stations.

The event is part of 'County Dance Live' which the Crusaders have been developing with the Active Young Peoples Department in Bridgend. One of the elite dance groups will be the County Dance squad.

Good win for AC Brackla

AC BRACKLA are desperate to shake off their mid-table obscurity tag in the Bridgend Sunday Leisure Leagues Premier Division, following a stunning 8-2 demolition of Mean Machine, thanks to the efforts of Mitchell Taylor.

Tom Daniel ensured Coity Crusaders claimed a 3-0 success over Oxymoron FC, while Kurt Williams was the star for Shed Crew Warriors in their 2-0 win against Bulldogs.

The Bluebirds got off the mark for the new season in Division One as Paul Richards picked up the star man gong in their 3-1 victory against Hangover Heroes.

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PYLE AND KENFIG GOLF CLUB NEWS

Rhodri's eagle sets up victory

NEW junior leaders, Ian Booth and Mike Cahill, were both delighted with the scoring in a recent competition at Pyle and Kenfig Golf Club.

Young Rhodri Booth had one of those very rare birds, an eagle, his first, to claim the winner's prize in the qualifying competition for the Junior Match Play and Minnows Cups. While a birdie is one less than par for the hole, an eagle is two less. For a 26-handicapper, this is quite a feat.

Second on the day was Brad Young who plays off 8, and third was George Beale. The games were played in bright sunshine, with the course looking its best.

For more information on junior golf at the club, telephone 01656 783093/771613, or the professional Dylan Williams on 01656 772446, or e-mail secretary@pandkgolfclub.co.uk

Brad Young.

Rhodri Booth.

LADIES RESULTS

THE latest Pyle and Kenfig ladies golf results are:

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